

Linn County Early Childhood Governance Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

3:30-5:00 P.M. @ Linn County Community Services Building 1240 26th Ave Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bauer, Tara	Rogers, John
Burke, John	Sondag, John
Gardner, Brian	Spellman, Donna
Griesenauer, Doug	Sundberg, Carol
Harp, Jennifer	Tesdahl, Sue
Moniza, Caroline	Weigel, Jody
O'Donnell, Carol	
Ramsey, Dorice	

EXCUSED ABSENCE:	Chadwick, Barbara	Seelau, Diane
	Johnson, Gloria	Segriff, Mary

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:	NA
UNEXCUSED ABSENCE:	Houser, James
Guests:	Lori Hagg, Horizons
Staff:	Chris Kivett-Berry

Call to Order, Confirm Quorum

- Carol O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 3:35 P.M. Quorum was confirmed (14/20).
- Introduction of Jeanette Shoop was delayed until the October meeting.
- Kivett-Berry shared Nick Longworth's resignation. The resignation brings Board membership to 19 moving forward. Nick was 1 of 2 Faith reps on the Board. The Board remains compliant in required membership.
- FY 15 Committee Roster was included in the packet.
- FY 15 Committee Meeting minutes were in the packet.
- Information about the Horizon's fundraiser 10/4/14 was shared.

Public Comment Period

- Lori Hagg, Horizon talked about Horizons' Taste of Hy-Vee Tail Gate on October 4. Depression screening will be held at Cedar Rapids Public Library Oct 9 from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Zins will be making a donation from their meals on Oct 8.

Action Board Approval of Minutes from 8/26/14 Board Meeting

MSC: (Ramsey/Rogers) Dorice Ramsey moved to approve the minutes as mailed. John Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Request Referrals for New ECI Board Members

Kivett-Berry requested members to make referrals for the Board by October 3. The Nomination Committee meeting is October 6.

Board Professional Development

- Kivett-Berry gave an update about the Legislator Engagement Board Advocacy. The Linn County ECI Board member survey results overwhelming indicated interest in need for statewide

advocacy and their interest in talking with local legislators. State Board committee prepared a Legislative Position Statement which state Board members suggested be shortened and focus on three bullets for the legislators. DOM Director stated his concern about a State Advisory Board pursuing advocacy under the direction of a State Dept. More information will come in Nov.

- Kivett-Berry informed the Board about data from Child Care Resource and Referral Child Care (CCR&R) (Linn County-Region-State). 8% of Linn County is under the age of 5. 79% of the children in Linn County have both parents working (state is 75%). There are 440 total childcare programs registered with CCRR.
- Highlights from Dr. Ira Chasnoff Conference: Over 150 persons attended. Children who have fetal alcohol syndrome show inability to self-regulate (emotions flair rapidly, non-sequential thinking) which has been misdiagnosed as ADHD and also contributes to parent stress which is a contributing factor to child abuse. Children have facial differences such as flat thin upper lip and little evidence of a philtrum.
- 9/15/14 State Board Meeting: Kivett-Berry shared highlights from Board meeting. Of particular interest is the method for Models areas to receive flexibility in funding which includes State Board notification but not Board approval. Also Board action on the legislative position statement and Public Awareness in LOE were tabled to the November meeting.
- 9/9/14 State Group Stakeholder Alliance: It was noted that Shoop attended the meeting and brought back info regarding a web site <http://itsaboutourkids.org/> to find out where your state and national candidate stands.

Fiscal Review/Action

- Jennifer Harp, Treasurer, reviewed the July/August 2014 Financial Controls noting that 17% utilization would be expected.
- Calendar Year Audit Review: Partnership for Safe Families/CCIA. Kivett-Berry shared review of the final FY 13 program audit and noted that it was an "Unmodified" report. The Linn County ECI Board does not contract with CCIA in FY 15.
- Fiscal Action on FY 14 Paces contract Amendment (+\$20.68)
MSC: (Gardner/Griesenauer) Brian Gardner moved to approve the amendment of the FY 14 Paces Contract to address actual utilization including interest earned during FY. Doug Griesenauer seconded. The motion carried.

Community Plan Activity

- Kivett-Berry gave information about the Data Pilot Project with UWECI. Leslie Wright identified indicators of at-risk families. One intent is to assess "Are we serving at risk populations"? Kivett-Berry made arrangements to obtain this data from Linn County ECI funded programs and for this effort to be shared at the 10.31.14 ECI Director Regional meeting in Washington.
- Kivett-Berry said Shoop is developing a Family Needs survey that will be given at the Family Connections activity October 31. The pilot survey will ask questions to families about childcare, health services, family stressors, and transportation.

Community Engagement Updates

- Kivett-Berry requested members to identify other early childhood community collaborations on which they serve.
- An update was given on the Linn Council for Prevention of Child Abuse (LCPCA). Their *Safe from the Start* initiative is focusing on community efforts to reduce child neglect. A media campaign

will be launched this fall with assistance of a professional marketing firm & KGAN. John Rogers serves on LCPCA and shared info on the community perception survey data that was obtained.

- A survey was given to Board members seeking their input to increase contact with Board-funded programs. The results will be used by the Community Engagement Committee.
- Board Members may volunteer at the Cedar Rapids Public Library 10:30 – 11:30 on October 25 at a Halloween party.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Donna Spellman ^{AKB}
Donna Spellman, Recorder

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3:30 p.m, Tuesday, October 28, 2014 @ Community Services Building