

Linn County Early Childhood Governance Board Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

3:30 – 5:00 P.M.

Linn County Community Services Building 1240 26th Ave Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bauer, Tara (arrived 3:45 pm)	Ramsey, Dorice
Chadwick, Barbara	Rogers, John
Gardner, Brian	Segriff, Mary
Griesenauer, Doug	Sondag, John
Harp, Jennifer	Spellman, Donna
Johnson, Gloria	Sundberg, Carol
Moniza, Caroline	Tesdahl, Sue
O'Donnell, Carol	Weigel, Jody

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Burke, John	Houser, James
Seelau, Diane	

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

NA

GUESTS:

Hagg, Lori, Horizons	Carman, Chris, LCCDC
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STAFF:

Kivett-Berry, Chris	Shoop, Jeanette
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Call to Order, Confirm Quorum

- Carol O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 3:35 P.M. Quorum was confirmed (16/20).
- Jeanette Shoop was introduced as ECI Coordinator and welcomed to the Board.
- The Inclement Weather Policy was reviewed. The Cedar Rapids Community Schools policy will be followed. If school is cancelled, meetings will be cancelled. If there is an early dismissal, any meeting scheduled after the dismissal time will be cancelled.
- The Board Member Referral Form was shared. Please submit names to the nomination committee. Please consider the categories of gender, minority, or faith when submitting names.
- The committee minutes for Executive and Nominations were included in the packet.
- Member attendance for the November 25, 2014 Board Meeting was assessed.

Public Comment Period

- No public comment

Action Board Approval of Minutes from 9/23/14 Board Meeting

- **MSC:** (Johnson/Sundberg) Gloria Johnson moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Carol Sundberg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Community & Program Engagement Updates

- a. Kivett-Berry shared names of Linn County ECI Board members serving on other community agencies and organizations of early childhood efforts.
- b. Chris Carman gave information on the Parents Like Us website. Some of the links to community resources and partner agencies were shared. Carman also invited Board members to participate in the "Parenting Super Power" activity where their photo is taken with a dry erase board that shows their self-declared parenting super power (e.g. coffee, humor, etc).

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- c. Carol Sundberg presented survey results re: the Board's interest in learning more about our funded programs. More information & activities will follow including holding upcoming Board meeting at the site of funded programs.
- d. Carol O'Donnell asked for suggestions of organizations to support for this year's Board charitable activity. Seven organizations were suggested. After Board discussion, the Board voted to donate money to fund transportation (e.g. bus tickets) for the families in need in our funded programs.
- e. Check out the Linn County Early Childhood Iowa website and if interested like it on your Facebook page.

Board Professional Development

- a. ECI State Board: Kivett-Berry presented information about the State Early Childhood Iowa Board including the membership list and meeting dates from the State website. They typically meet six times a year. Usually there is a webinar option but not for the November 7, 2014 meeting.
- b. Child and Family Policy Center Needs Assessment Data: Kivett-Berry shared 2 maps depicting state and county data re: % of families with children under 6 headed by single parent & % of children under 6 with all parents in labor force. Linn County average is 30-33% single family HH (State is 30%) and Linn County average is 73-78% of kids have all parents in the work force *Stat is 73%). This data will be relevant to establishing priorities for the community plan.
- c. High Needs Data: Shoop presented information, in cooperation with United Way of ECI, about the Linn County ECI families served per high risk categories.

FY 16-18 Community Plan Activity

Kivett-Berry noted that for the Community Plan there is a tremendous amount of early childhood data that can be obtained. To ensure that the most relevant data is obtained the Board completed an activity where they were asked for their input on What do you want to know about the children of Linn County? Kivett-Berry & Shoop will categorize the data and include in Community Plan as applicable.

First Review of By-Laws Revisions

The annual review of the By-Laws was presented. There were some minor changes. Action will be at the November meeting.

Fiscal Review/Action

Jennifer Harp presented the September Financial Controls. A review of the high dental utilization % will be investigated.

Open Agenda

Members were reminded to stay after if they would like to be part of the Parenting Super Power activity. Carol O'Donnell and Donna Spellman both volunteered.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Brian Gardner, and seconded by Jody Weigel. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Donna Spellman ^{KB}
Donna Spellman, Secretary

Date of next meeting: November 25, 2014 @ the Partnership for Safe Families

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