

Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board Meeting Minutes January 30, 2024

Board Members Present:

Linda Hledik
Nin Flagel
Dan Srp
Roberta Rosheim
Sarah Hogan
Charlie Minnick
Gwen Deming (Zoom)

Board Members Absent:

Jack Willey
Peter Duytschaever
Lindsey Burken

Staff Present:

Peggy Sellnau
Mary Kay Wirth

Guests:

Alicia Wagner, CCRR-zoom
Chris McClimon, CCNC-zoom

Linda Hledik called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Mary Kay Wirth conducted roll call. Members present are listed at left.

November 27, 2023 minutes: Roberta made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Sarah seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

Director's Expenditure Report: Mary Kay & Peggy presented the Director's expenditure report for November and December 2023 for review. Mary Kay reported that the 3rd Quarter funds have been received from the state. Also, Clinton/Jackson ECI went through a state audit and Peggy provided the information asked for along with the Clinton County Auditor's office. Nin made a motion to approve the expenditure report as presented; Charles seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried. Peggy reported that the Preschool scholarships are on track for the year.

The Iowa Grants Mid Year Report was discussed. The report indicates that providers are on track for their spending except for I-Smile. Peggy and Mary Kay will be setting up a meeting with staff from I-Smile to remind them that the contract agreement requires 80% of funds to be spent by March 31, 2024. Currently I-Smile has spent only about 15% of funds. In addition Becky from Child Care Resource and Referral has informed us that they will be working on a new round of mini grants in February to spend those funds. Dan made a motion to approve the Iowa Grants Mid Year Report; Nin seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

The ECI Director's Activities were shared for December and January. The list shows the community involvement during this time. Mary Kay noted that Gwen with CPPC is sponsoring an Early Childhood Conference April 12 & 13 at Clarke University in Dubuque. Mary Kay will help both days with registrations. Mary Kay also noted that the ECI Area Director's Meetings in January have focused on providing information on the three options that HHS has proposed for greater alignment of Community Access and Family Well-Being and Protection. At this time we do not know which programs will combine to create a single contracting structure. The catchment area is also unknown. At the state level of ECI, additions and changes are being looked at for Tool O to possibly add several direct services.

The 2nd Quarter Reports were shared. The provider reports meet the requirements. The only one not on track is I-Smile due to a lack of using funds.

Contractor Site Visits are being scheduled starting in February. Mary Kay will send an email with details of visits in case any board members would like to attend.

New Business: Peggy and Mary Kay have a meeting set up with Jenny Holm from Grow Clinton about the Childcare Market Study that was recently done. The meeting will be February 9th at 2:00 pm in the ECI Office in DeWitt.

Adjourn/Next Meeting Date: Meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM. The next regular C/J ECI Board meeting will be held on February 26th at 4:00 PM in person and via Zoom at the Clinton County Satellite office in DeWitt.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Kay Wirth, Clinton/Jackson ECI Director

Any person in need of special assistance or accessibility needs should contact Mary Kay Wirth at mwirth@clintoncounty-ia.gov or call 563-659-3651.

Board President Signature Jack Willey Date 2-26-24