

CLINTON/JACKSON ECI BOARD MEETING

February 28, 2011

DeWitt, Iowa

Board Members Present: Jack Willey, Cheryl Curl, Tom Parker, Linda Hledik, Rev. Lynn Thiede, Scott Hobart, Charleen Smith, Linda Nudd, Lynn Bell, Karen Breitbach, Pat Henricksen and Jenny Kreiter, Coordinator.

Board Members Excused: Jill Davisson, Pat Hendrickson, Lori Frick, Tara Michel.

Guests: Sheila Busch, Dan Syrp

Quorum having been established, Jack Willey called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Review of 1-24-11 Minutes

Karen Breitbach moved to approve the minutes as printed. Scott Hobart seconded. Motion carried.

2011 Budget

The budget was reviewed by the Board. Jenny asked the Board to review the percentage of contract dollars expended as we have most reports in for January. Karen Breitbach moved to approve the budget as printed. Pat Henricksen seconded. Motion carried. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes.

Coordinator monthly activities report

Board reviewed this report and a copy is attached to these minutes.

Executive Committee Meeting 2-14-11

Jack reviewed the agenda with the Board. A general discussion about the various agenda items was conducted. Pat Henricksen gave the Board an update on the Dolly Pardon Imagination Library efforts in Clinton County. Board members discussed the importance of this in both counties. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Preschool Scholarship update

Jenny informed the Board that Barb Davidson has retired and asked for permission to allow the IT professionals at the Clinton County Administration Offices to store the computer and printer until next fiscal year. Board agreed and we will be relinquishing the office space in Clinton but will retain a mail drop off box and Jenny will stop in weekly to check for preschool scholarship applications. Jenny will also pick up the remaining two filing cabinets and use them in the DeWitt ECI location. Jenny has moved all files to the DeWitt office and will take over responsibilities to the Preschool Scholarship Program.

QRS Incentive/provider equipment update

Jenny presented information from Heidi Hotvedt, Julie Ingersoll and Analisa Pearson regarding ECI Board's purchasing cribs. The Board was also given a chart of grant requests to QRS Incentive for childcare items. The recommendation from the State is that cribs are a basic care item that providers who care for infants should budget for and that they are discouraging the purchasing of cribs by agencies overall, regardless of the new standards and recall issues. The Board discussed this and reviewed the documentation. The Board recommended that they are not going to purchase cribs and asked that those providers who asked for cribs are notified that they can request an item, comparable to the crib request, without going through the entire application process again. Linda Nudd moved to approve the motion as printed. Pat Henriksen seconded. Motion carried. Jenny will contact the contract holder of the Board's recommendation.

QPPS contract update

Jenny updated the Board on a number of concerns brought to the Board's attention by consumers regarding the IQPPS contract in regards to continued funding, safety of items given to preschool's to use in the classroom and number of staff attending the sessions. This is not a contractual issue as this program is meeting all performance measures and requirements. The Board asked Jenny to meet with IQPPS program manager's and invite them to a future Board meeting for a discussion.

Levels of Excellence

Jenny gave the Board House File 378 in which board membership is addressed with guidelines. Jenny suggested that we hold off on further updating our bylaws until the legislative session is over. Jenny is currently working on the policy manual.

New Business

Linda Nudd thanked the Board and AEA for the support to the Jackson County Dolly Pardon Imagination Library. The community has raised \$33,000 to the project and they are moving forward with fundraising efforts.

There being no further business, Jack adjourned the meeting at 4:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Kreiter, Coordinator