

CLINTON/JACKSON COUNTIES EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 10, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

Clinton County Satellite Offices, 226 11th Street, DeWitt, IA 52742. *(large boardroom)*

Board Members Present:

David Hinds

Gabe Gluba

Jim Irwin

Jack Willey

Jessica Ihns

Linda Hledik

Board Members Absent:

Bobbi Bartels-Poll

Rebecca Barnes

Scott Bengston

Staff Present:

Gwen Deming

ECI Board Meeting Called to Order: Jack Willey called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Introductions: Introductions from the ECI Board Members

Minutes from ECI Board Meeting on April 29, 2019: Jack Willey presented the minutes from the April 29, 2019 Board Meeting. David Hinds moved to approve the minutes as presented; Gabe Gluba seconded the Motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Motion was carried unanimously.

Preschool Scholarship Update: Gwen Deming reported there are currently 43 preschool scholarships, which is equivalent to \$4,300 in payments for April.

Director's Expenditure Report: Gwen Deming presented the expenditure report for review.

Literacy Grants Update: Gwen reported she had updated the state ECI Budget in Iowa Grants. She stated she contacted two companies for the literacy kits (suggestions were made by two local librarians); the Dolly Parton Imagination Libraries had been contacted and will be requesting \$2500 each via invoices-the funding will pay for approximately 1000 children's books in each county; the C.A.T.C.H. Kits totaled \$1830; the Literacy Project in Jackson County will cost approximately \$3800-C/J ECI is partnering with Grade Level Reading in Jackson County to provide books to Medical Associates for children/families at well-child visits; and, the Jackson County Interpretive Center hasn't submitted an invoice yet. The total for all of these projects will be roughly \$30,000.

FY2020 Renewals: The Clinton/Jackson ECI Board members read through proposals in May, and went through the proposed budgets during this meeting, June 10, 2019. Discussing contractors' ability to provide transparent budgets; to request money that is not wasted, and sharing the remaining deficit with all contractors across the board, allowed the ECI Board to make decisions about fy2020 funding. The YWCA budget was reduced decidedly to ensure C/J ECI funding was going to direct service, Jessica Ihns moved to approve the funding reduction, with Jim Irwin, who seconded the Motion. The Motion was carried unanimously. Jim Irwin made a Motion to reduce the QRS budget to lessen the cost of the child care conferences, and to allow for one conference in fiscal year 2020. David Hinds seconded the Motion; the Motion was carried unanimously. The Executive Committee will meet on June 14, 2019 to finish the budget details for FY2020. Contractors will be asked to submit budget revisions. The complete fy2020 budget will be posted.

Adjourn: Jack Willey adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Monday, June 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. is the next ECI Board Meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Gwen Deming, ECI Director

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