## Clinton / Jackson Early Childhood Iowa

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**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes** 

Monday, February 12, 2024 - 7:30 AM

C/J ECI Board members present: Jack Willey, Linda Hledik, Nin Flagel, Sarah Hogan Staff: Mary Kay Wirth

The Board reviewed and approved the agenda for the February 26, 2024 regular board meeting.

New Business/announcements: Mary Kay shared that she met with Jenny Holm from Grow Clinton with Peggy and Sarah on Friday. Jenny shared results of the Child Care Study for Clinton, Camanche, and Andover. We all agreed that the next step is to learn more about other ECI areas that are funding Child Care Wage Enhancement programs. Jenny will speak at the next board meeting.

There was a discussion concerning the contract with I-Smile. Since there will be funds unspent by I-Smile, board members brainstormed ideas for ways to use the funds. One idea was to pay dentists a stipend to take uninsured patients. A second idea was to check with Wildflower Kids Dentistry in Dubuque to see if they would be interested in having a clinic day for children in Clinton and Jackson counties who have no dentist. Another idea was to ask Scott County what they are doing if they are in a similar situation. There is also an idea to explore the option of helping fund a project at Sunshine Learning Center in Maquoketa.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 AM.

Next regular C/J ECI Board meeting is Monday, February 26, 2024 at 4:00 PM - held both in person in DeWitt at the Clinton County Satellite office and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Kay Wirth, Director