

Board Members Present:

Nin Flagel
Linda Hledik
Sarah Hogan
Roberta Rosheim
Lindsey Burken (Zoom)
Charlie Minnick (Zoom)
Jack Willey
Jim Irwin (rep. Dan S.)

Board Members Absent:

Dan Srp
Peter Duytschaever

Staff Present:

Mary Kay Wirth

Guests:

Liz Crane, LSI (Zoom)

Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board Meeting Minutes September 22, 2025

Jack Willey the board chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. Mary Kay Wirth conducted roll call. Members present are listed at left.

August 25, 2025 minutes: Roberta made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Nin seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

Director's Expenditure Report: Mary Kay presented the August 2025 Director's expenditure report. Nin made a motion to approve the expenditure reports as presented, Jim seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried. Sarah made a motion to approve LOA for Zion and Little Shepherd preschools and to have the Executive Board approve additional LOA, Jim seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried. Mary Kay is working to get additional preschools to apply for scholarships.

Director's Activities were shared. The ECI State Board approved date changes to Tool U which deals with the process of boundary changes to ECI areas, October 17th the State board is meeting for action planning regarding districts. Mary Kay will upload the ECI Monthly Fiscal tracking spreadsheet and Contract Monitoring Schedule to Iowa Grants by September 30th.

Mary Kay shared the I-Smile Data from 2018-2026 which showed funding and number of children screened.

Mary Kay shared that a board policy to document the preschool scholarship process is needed. She is to ask other areas for an example. This may wait until after the ECI state board meeting in November to see what changes may take place.

The board received contract Amendments for the New Parent Program to include \$20,000 for funding Car Seats and Nurse Family Partnership to include \$20,000 for funding Car Seats. Sarah made a motion to fund both of these contract amendments as shown, Linda seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

The Iowa Public Information Board Training for Newly Elected and Appointed Officials was discussed. Jim will check to see if members of the board are required to take the training. If so, we will see when it is available.

New Business/Community Input:

- 1) Quality Improvement or Literacy: The board discussed and gave ideas for seeking partners to fund. CCR&R is checking to see if they will be interested in partnering to do the mini grants with ECI and if ECI can enhance their spring conference. LSI & MercyOne are looking at doing the Healthy Homes Initiative Curriculum with the families they work with. Other ideas include working with area libraries to fund special projects and asking Shane from Public Health about Healthy Homes training. The director will send information asking these partners to apply for grants.
- 2) Public Awareness/Child Fairs: Ideas were discussed including working with existing events in the Clinton and Jackson counties and possibly the Women's club to reach families with materials and prizes.
- 3) Plans for unallocated funds need to be in place by October 31st in Iowa grants.
- 4) The flyers and applications for the Families in Need Assistance program run by Women's Health were shared.
- 5) Gwen shared that Nov. 6th there is a Domestic Violence Conference in Dubuque at the Multicultural Family Center.

Adjourn/Next Meeting Date: Meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM. Linda made a motion and Gwen seconded to adjourn.

The next regular C/J ECI Board meeting will be held on **October 27**, at 4:00 PM in person and via Zoom at the Clinton County Satellite office in DeWitt. If the meeting needs to be moved to Zoom only, this will be posted.

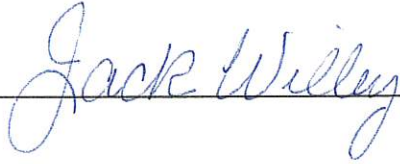
Executive Meeting:

October 13, 2025 at 7:30 AM/ via Zoom

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



Date

