

Johnson County Empowerment-Early Childhood Iowa Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June, 16, 2022
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Members present: Chris Carman, Cheryl Collins, Jon Green, Richard Lipman, Emily O'Sherridan-Tabor, Lori Roetlin, Joan Tephly.

Members absent: Rick Leyendecker, Marguerite Oetting, Angel Taylor, Susan Dale Wall

Staff Present: Samantha Turnbull, Laurie Nash

Guests: Lori Hora (CCRR), Amy Mertz (ARC of SE Iowa)

1. Call Meeting to Order, Establish Quorum, and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes [Board Action]

Board Chair Richard Lipman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, attendance was taken, and a quorum was recognized with 7 of 11 members present. **Minutes from 5/19/22 were reviewed and Cheryl Collins moved to approve them. Jon Green seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.**

2. Public Comment: No public comment was received.

3. Director's Report

- The legislature passed the appropriation bills. ECI as a whole received level funding from last year. Our allocations were slightly reduced due to the formula the ECI state office runs the funding through.
 - The state ECI team has accepted our budget, and our contract with the state has been signed.
 - Lynette Jacoby is checking with her BOS liaisons about transferring our website to the county website.
 - May, 2022 Expense report was shared in the June, 2022 board packet.
 - Johnson County Empowerment held a car seat clinic on June 11th.
 - Contracting: We are in the process of getting FY23 contracts completed and signed.
 - Cheryl Collins provided an update on current efforts of the Early Education Committee. CCRR is busy with the IQ4K quality initiative. Changes in federal regulation recently expanded eligibility guidelines for Head Start, making it possible for HACAP to offer enrollment to families participating in SNAP food assistance. SNAP income eligibility is capped at 130% of Federal Poverty Guidelines, whereas general Head Start guidelines are capped at 100% of poverty. This will expand the pool of eligible children for HACAP Head Start's local services. ARC is working on their center expansion efforts.
 - Community Collaboration: Sam and Emily plan to hand out books at the Juneteenth health and resource fair on Saturday June 18th.
- Board Indicator of the Month: Percent of Uninsured Children. There was a decline in the number of uninsured children from 2016 to 2020 both in Johnson County and statewide.

4. Nominating Committee: Chris Carman reported that the Nominating Committee met on June 6th. Chris will be leaving the Board in September after completion of his 3 year term, and outreach efforts are underway to fill this seat. A vote on any new applications for board membership will take place at the 8/18/22 Board meeting.

In terms of board officer roles, Richard Lipman will remain on the board, but will reach the two term limit at Board Chair in September. While there will be on-going opportunities for additional officer nominations up to the 9/8/22 Board meeting, the Nominating Committee does have active nominations in place for Angel Taylor to serve as Chair (she is currently Treasurer), Cheryl Collins to serve as Secretary and Emily O'Sherridan-Tabor to

serve as Treasurer. The election of new officers will occur at the 9/8/22 Board meeting. **Jon Green moved to table the report from the Nominating Committee for election of board officers to the 9/8/22 meeting. Richard Lipman seconded. Passed unanimously.**

5. FY23 Contracting update: Sam negotiated terms of a FY'23 Contract with Johnson County Public Health and they made a commitment to co-funding 50% of the Child Care Nurse Consultant position (contingent on JCPH being awarded the local state Child/Maternal Health contract). The FY23 contract with JCPH will also reflect an increase in childcare programs served from an initially proposed number of 70 to a final number of 85.

6. 4Cs contract amendments: Providers Services and Positive Environments for Positive Behaviors This proposed action would move \$2,957 from the 4Cs "Provider Services" contract into the 4Cs "Positive Environments for Positive Behaviors" contract. As a result, funding will be available to cover additional PEPB consultations, which have been in high demand from childcare programs. **Cheryl Collins moved to amend the 4Cs program budgets (retroactive to 7/1/21) as reflected in the contract amendments included in the June Board Packet. Emily O'Sherridan-Tabor seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.**

7. Final remarks: Lori Roetlin noted that UIHC recently posted a job position to help pregnant women access prenatal care and accompany them to visits; a function very consistent with Johnson County Empowerment goals.

8. Adjourn: Chris Carman moved to adjourn. Jon Green seconded. Passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:00 PM

Submitted by Board Secretary, Chris Carman

Upcoming Board Meetings: August 18, 2022
September 8, 2022