

Johnson County Empowerment-Early Childhood Iowa Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 20, 2022
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Members present: Cheryl Collins, TyJuan Connell, Rick Leyendecker, Marguerite Oetting, Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor, Lori Roetlin (6:32pm), Angel Taylor, Joan Tephly (6:33pm), Susan Wall

Members absent: Jon Green, Richard Lipman

Staff Present: Samantha Turnbull, Laurie Nash

Guests: Andy Coghill-Behrends (NCJC), Lorri Hora (CCR&R), Paula Vandervelde (CCR&R)

1. Call Meeting to Order, Establish Quorum, and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (Board Action)

Board Chair Angel Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, attendance was taken, and a quorum was recognized with 6 of 11 members present. **Minutes from September 8, 2022 were reviewed and Susan Wall moved to approve them. Rick Leyendecker seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.**

2. Public Comment: No public comment was received.

3. Director's Report

- No indicator this month due to full review
- State ECI team in applying for state grant for Preschool Development
- Cheryl and Sam will be attending the Assoc of ECI Area Boards and Advocates annual conference Nov. 10
- 2 children eligible for scholarship still seeking preschool slots. Iowa City schools now taking 3 yr olds
- Contract now in place for dental voucher program
- Car Seat and Safe Sleep Event scheduled for Sat Oct 22. Volunteers welcome.

Community Collaboration

- Social Services and Iowa City Business Partnerships working on wage supplement program for Johnson County childcare staff
- Planning to coordinate with Debbie Ackerman on diaper distribution event

Committee schedules:

- **Early Ed Work Group** (Joan and Cheryl board liaisons): Last Monday of the month 2:30-3:30 pm.

- **Parent Ed Work Group** (Emily board liaison): First Monday of every other month 1-2 pm.

Met Oct 3. UAY fully staffed and has seen uptick for group programs. NCJC has wait list and will be hiring additional FSW.

- **Health Work Group** (Susan board liaison): Second Monday of every other month 2-3pm.

4. Board Outerwear Drive

The board agreed to conduct an outerwear drive to distribute mittens, hats, coats etc. Angel will spearhead. Sam will develop flyer. New and gently used items due to Johnson County building by Nov. 18. Suggested to coordinate distribution with diaper drive.

5. Neighborhood Centers Family Support Presentation

Andy Coghill-Behrends gave presentation on the NCJC Family Support Program. He recapped last year's statistics and noted program is now back to almost 100% in person after virtual meetings due to pandemic. Virtual will remain an option for meetings moving forward. Parents as Teachers is curriculum used for program. It is developmentally centered and includes parent/child activities, goalsetting, screenings and

Life Skills Progression used for state data. Challenges include languages and education levels. Currently working with state to pilot performance incentive program. In process of interviewing for additional FSW. Will not be using all of allocated funds due to late hiring and will return funds to board.

Suggestion was made for returned funds to be used for preschool transportation. Issues regarding transportation were discussed. When unused funds are determined, possibility of supporting transportation will be revisited.

6. Indicator Review Presentation

Sam presented power point reviewing all indicators of community wide data points and noting trends.

7. FY23 Targeted RFP's Update

RFP's were released on Oct. 7 and are due Oct. 28. RFP's will be scored by the RFP committee: Angel Taylor, Cheryl Collins, Lori Roetlin, Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor. Recommendations from committee will be presented at December board meeting.

8. Bylaws Review (Board Action)

No board action as a change was suggested to be made to the by-laws under Section 4 – Orientation for New Members as roles have changed due to virtual meetings. Sam will reword and send out rewording for board to review.

9. Adjourn: Angel Taylor moved to adjourn at 7:39pm. Cheryl Collins seconded. Passed unanimously.

Submitted by Board Secretary, Cheryl Collins

Upcoming Board Meetings: December 1, 2022