

Johnson County Empowerment-Early Childhood Iowa Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 18, 2023
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Members present: TyJuan Connell, Rick Leyendecker, Richard Lipman, Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor, Angel Taylor, Joan Tephly, Susan Wall

Members absent: Cheryl Collins, Jon Green, Marguerite Oetting , Lori Roetlin

Staff Present: Samantha Turnbull, Lori Nash

Staff Absent:

Guests:

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 7 of 11 members present. **Minutes from April 20, 2023 were reviewed and Richard Lipman moved to approve them. Susan Wall seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.**

2. Public Comment: No public comment

3. Director's Report

Statewide:

-Legislative session has ended. ECI is now under HHS. Childcare assistance raised to 160% of federal poverty level and work requirement raised to 32 hrs/week.

-Richard Lipman sent information on federal executive order aiming to increase access to high quality early childcare which included increasing wages. Discussed possible implications.

Local

-Expenses are in packet

-Now accepting scholarship applications for next school year.

-Family Safety Clinic to be held June 1

-Site visits have been completed

Committee schedules: No reports

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

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

Community Collaboration:

-Currently working with Johnson County Childcare Solutions Task Force to plan a school readiness summit
-Johnson County has allocated some ARCA funds for infant/toddler scholarships – a nice compliment to our preschool scholarships

-Board evaluations were reviewed. Questions/concerns raised were fundraising, more public awareness, attendance and meeting preparedness. Funds are raised only for the association of ECI boards and

advocates which are generally covered by donations. Nominating committee is working on public awareness as new members are recruited. Attendance is evaluated at end of year and member prep work could be upped for each meeting.

4. 3rd Quarter Reports

Full reports are in packet. Most programs are currently underspent. Several have adjusted their budgets and currently most should be on target to reach the 80% spending goals

Question was asked regarding why the move to HHS. This was due to a change in philosophy and a consolidation of government to increase efficiency.

5. FY23 Budget

Liability insurance increased and board approval needed to amend budget.

Richard Lipman moved to approved amended budget. Angel Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously

6.FY24 Contract Renewals and FY24 Budget (Board Action)

Sam reviewed contract renewal scoring committee recommendations for the following programs not approved at the April meeting:

ARC Supplemental Staffing – fully fund at \$52,400

NCJC Wrap – fund at \$35,000

4C's Workforce Development Program – fully fund at \$5,000

Johnson County Public Health Dental Voucher Program – no funding

UAY Young Parent Program- fully fund at \$123,675

Motion – Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor moved to approve budget

Second - Joan Tephly seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously

7. Nominating Committee

Nominating committee met last week. Two board members will be leaving and representatives needed include consumers/parents. A press release will go out, fliers to various places and social media posts have been created.

8. Adjourn: Susan Wall moved to adjourn at 7:20pm. Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor seconded. Passed unanimously.

Submitted by Board Secretary, Cheryl Collins

Next Executive Committee Meeting: June 5, 2023

Upcoming Board Meetings: June 15, 2023