

4 R Kids Program and Service Committee Minutes
Friday February 3, 2017
9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Attendance

Meeting began at 9:00 A.M. and Khristan Kaufman, Janice Jensen, Dena Owens, Judy Schwartz and Debra Schrader were in attendance.

Dena will be the reporter at the 4 R Kids Board meeting set for November 17, 2016.

Preschool Tuition Policy and Transportation (*information*)

There are no changes requested by the Preschool Enrichment project regarding the preschool tuition policy and transportation policy.

FY17 2nd Quarter Report (*information*)

The committee reviewed the 2nd quarter reports from contractors. Below are a few of the highlights.

- All quarterly reports by contractors were submitted timely, by January 15, 2017.
- Some services have yet to begin, primarily the preschool enhancement services and quality improvement mini grants for child care providers.
- Overall, 43% of funds allocated to the 4 R Kids board has been expended in the 2nd quarter which is close to target of 50%.
- A summary of the report will be provided to the February 16, 2017 board meeting.
- A copy of the 2nd Quarter progress reports are located at www.4rkids-eci.org.
- While most providers submitted stories there were a few that didn't and stories are always appreciated.
- There were no major concerns at this time, however the SWCC Parents as Teachers program is significantly behind in home visit benchmarks, but rational was provided. During the onsite visit scheduled February 21, 2017 this will be addressed.

FY17 Budget Reductions (*information*)

At this time final word has not been received from Early Childhood Iowa regarding the de-appropriations for FY17. In order to be prepared several different scenarios have been drafted for a 3%, 4%, 4.25% and 5% reduction. Contractors have been alerted of the potential of reductions.

Other (*information*)

Program onsite visits have just begun and Board member Jensen is planning on attending the Southwestern Community College visit scheduled for 2-21-17 and the Dallas County Extension visit scheduled 2-15-17.

The request for renewal for FY18 will mirror last year's timeline as well as format and will be out soon.

May Meeting Date

The committee will have a face to face meeting May 3, 2017 from 9:00-12:00 in Winterset to review the request for renewals. Deb will look for a location for the meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.