

**4 R Kids Program and Service Committee**  
**Wednesday May 3, 2017**  
**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon**  
**117 N. John Way Drive**  
**Winterset Iowa 50273**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance**

Jean Bosch, Dena Owens, Janice Jensen, Judy Schwartz, and Debra Schrader

**Housekeeping** (*information*)

Ground rules were reviewed. Conflict of interest was discussed, there was no conflict of interest noted by committee members, however it was noted that Janice had worked for Dallas County Public Health more than 3 years ago. Jean volunteered to be the reporter for the board meeting May 18, 2017. Director Schrader will draft the minutes for the meeting.

**FY17 3rd Quarter reports** (*information*)

The committee reviewed the 3rd quarter reports prior to the meeting. There were no major issues noted. A note report sheet will be provided to the board.

**FY17 Preschool Services Contract** (*recommendation*)

The preschool services contract held by Dallas County ISU Extension may run short of funds for preschool tuition scholarships before the end of the year. Preschool tuition scholarships is a "best guess" at the beginning of each fiscal year and some years there are funds left over and some years there is not enough funding. It was consensus of the committee to recommend that up to \$1,000 be allotted to cover the preschool tuition scholarship shortfall for the current fiscal year, if needed.

**FY18 Request for Renewals Review and Comments** (*information*)

- The FY18 early childhood grant is \$17,796 (17%) less than FY17. The school ready grant amount is \$65,226 (7%) less than FY17, for total loss of funding from FY17 to FY18 of \$83,022. The FY17 estimated carryover is \$33,000. This is the least amount of funds to work with since the inception of the 4 R Kids Board in FY12.
- Due to the Board receiving model LOE status, the opportunity to utilize categorical funding in a flexible manner is allowed, additionally the legislative language changed this year which allows for flexibility and the preschool support and family support categories are collapsed into the general use category. This made the process allocating funds much easier and there was less time spent on fitting programming into categories.
- The FY18 Request for Renewal process was not an open competition, but was competitive among current grantees, additionally this is the third year of a three year funding cycle. FY19 will be an open competitive process for the public.
- The committee reviewed the 4 R Kids strategic plan and focused on priorities as well as the guiding principles. Due to the shortfall in funding for FY18 the committee agreed that no contractor would receive more funding than what was received in FY17 with the de-appropriations.
- Current grantees were instructed to not request an increase in funds due to an expected shortfall for FY18.
- It is encouraged that current and any future grantees sharpen their grant writing skills during the FY18 year so as to be prepared for the FY19 open request for proposal process.
- There is no funding held for reserves in the FY18 funding plan.

**FY18 Funding Plan** *(recommendation)*

The following are recommendations for FY18 pending FY17 carryover, state allocations, state program criteria, 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area board approval, Early Childhood Iowa approval, Department of Education approval and Department of Human Services approval. The recommendations are as follows:

<b>FY2018 Funding Recommendations</b>
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<b>Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>FY18 Allocation Recommendations</b>	
Dallas County Public Health	Maternal Child Health	\$68,011.00	*See note
Lutheran Services of Iowa	New Parent Program	\$112,008.00	
Partners in Family Development	Parents as Teachers	\$265,806.00	
Southwestern Community College	Parents as Teachers	\$71,530.00	
Warren County Health Services	Child Care Nurse Consultant	\$36,476.00	
Dallas County Extension	Quality Improvement Project	\$64,795.00	
Dallas County Extension	Reach for the Stars mini grants	\$8,000.00	**See note
Orchard Place/CCRR	Child Care Project	\$4,668.00	
Iowa AEYC	Child Care WAGE\$	\$23,027.00	
Dallas County Extension	Preschool Enrichment/Coordinated Intake	\$60,943.00	
Dallas County Extension	Preschool Tuition (ranks #1)	\$147,000.00	
Dallas County Extension	Preschool Transportation (ranks #2)	\$5,250.00	
Dallas County Extension	Preschool Dental Screens (ranks #3)	\$8,400.00	
Dallas County Extension	Preschool Mini Grants (ranks #4)	\$1,985.00	***See note
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$877,899.00</b>	

*\*Dallas County Public Health/Maternal Child Health Program - Additional contract requirement - performance measures will include data on handovers, i.e.% of successful handovers to other family support programs.*

*\*\*Dallas County ISU Extension - Child Care Mini Grants - after all obligations for FY17 has been met, the committee reserves the right to re-evaluate any unobligated funds and may allocate additional funds for child care quality improvement mini grants.*

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