

4 R Kids Program and Service Committee
Friday May 4, 2018
9:00 A.M. - 11:00
117 N. John Way Drive
Winterset Iowa 50273
Minutes

Attendance

Dena Owens, Janice Jensen, Khristan Kaufman, Lois Hoger, and Debra Schrader.

Housekeeping (*information*)

Ground rules were reviewed. Conflict of interest was discussed, there was no conflict of interest noted by committee members that would impact recommendations. Khristan will be the reporter for the board meeting May 17, 2018. Director Schrader will draft the minutes for the meeting.

FY18 3rd Quarter reports (*information*)

The committee reviewed the 3rd quarter reports prior to the meeting. There were no major issues noted, however follow-up was requested of some of the contractors. A high level view note report sheet will be provided to the board.

FY19 Request for Proposals Review and Comments (*information*)

- The draft FY19 early childhood grant is \$22,327 (24%) more than FY18. The school ready grant amount is \$2,774 (.2%) less than FY18, for total increase of funding from FY18 to FY19 of \$25,101. The FY18 estimated carryover is \$47,232.
- Legislative language allows for flexibility and has made the process allocating funds much easier.
- The FY19 Request for Proposal process was an open competition with the option to renew for 2 additional years, making this a three funding process. The next open Request for Proposal will be FY22. The Board reserves the right to have an open Request for Proposal process at any time.
- The committee reviewed the 4 R Kids strategic plan and focused on priorities as well as the guiding principles.
- There were more requests there than there was funding.
- There is no funding held for reserves in the FY19 funding plan.
- The Request for Proposal added a few new items than in past years. It was required to submit a list of board/council members and how information is shared with the board/council, how the program will provide programming to non-English speaking participants, and what is the minimum funding for program viability. Additionally, a newly formatted excel budget was utilized that helped reduce budget errors.
- The committee provided feedback as to how to improve on the questions in the RFP to make it more clear for the applicants. Additionally the majority of the applications did not meet the technical review. The RFP directions will be improved for the future.
- The overall theme from the applications were, there needs to be improvement on selling programs on paper.
- Some applicants utilized the 4 R Kids community plan in their grants.
- At the time of review, it was unknown about local programs receiving Prevent Child Abuse Iowa funding which could impact ECI program budgets for FY19. The anticipated award notice for Prevent Child Abuse Iowa funding is May 18, 2018.

FY19 Funding Plan *(recommendation)*

The following are recommendations for FY19 pending FY18 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:

FY2019 Funding Recommendations for Programming

Agency	Program	FY19 Allocation Recommendations
Lutheran Services of Iowa	New Parent Program	\$142,008.00
Partners in Family Development	Parents as Teachers	\$265,000.00
Southwestern Community College	Parents as Teachers	\$83,662.97
Alternative Treatment Services	SafeCare	\$0
Warren County Health Services	Child Care Nurse Consultant	\$35,647.83
Matura	Child Care Nurse Consultant	\$0
Visiting Nurse Services	Child Care Nurse Consultant	\$20,341.00
Dallas County Extension	Quality Improvement Project	\$67,067.00
Dallas County Extension	Reach for the Stars mini grants	\$15,000.00
Orchard Place/CCR&R	Incentives for ChildNet and Business Investment	\$5,000.00
Orchard Place/CCR&R	Child Care Consultation	\$18,184.00
Iowa AEYC	WAGES	\$27,500.00
Dallas County Extension	Preschool Enrichment/Coordinated Intake	\$64,424.00
Dallas County Extension	Preschool Tuition (ranks #1)	\$154,560.00
Dallas County Extension	Preschool Transportation (ranks #2)	\$3,150.00
Dallas County Extension	Preschool Dental Screens (ranks #3)	\$8,400.00
Matura	Preschool Dental Screens	\$0
Total		\$909,944.80