

4 R Kids Program and Service Committee Minutes
Thursday February 7, 2019
9:00 A.M.

Attendance

Meeting began at 9:00 A.M. and Khristan Kaufman, Janice Jensen, Jean Bosch, and Debra Schrader were in attendance. Janice will be the reporter for the February 21, 2019 board meeting at the Adel Public Library.

Preschool Tuition Policy and Transportation Policy *(information)*

The Preschool Enrichment project recommended no changes to either policy for FY20.

FY20 Request for Renewal *(information)*

The RFR will be released March 15, 2019 and will be due April 22, 2019.

Due to the formula change with early childhood funds, there will be an increase of funding for FY20. The current contractors were surveyed regarding possible future needs. All contractors responded to the survey and indicated that \$39,000 additional funds would be requested for FY20, if funds were available. The individual requests will be incorporated into the request for renewal process. The committee discussed needs regarding mental health and will allocate \$10,000 for an infant and early childhood mental health consultation and coaching project to be infused into family support. Additionally, the committee is sensitive to the rising needs of non-English speaking families, and a portion of the FY19 carryover funds will be set aside for contractors to access in the event there is need during the FY20 year.

FY19 2nd Quarter Report *(information)*

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

- All contractor's quarterly reports were submitted timely, by January 15, 2019.
- 39.3% of school ready funds has been expended and 47.5% of the early childhood funds have been expended. Overall spending is at 40.4%, on target is 50%.
- There are no major concerns with the contracts at this time and most contractors are meeting or are close to meeting their benchmarks.
- Notes of interest include the following:
 - The Parents as Teachers program administered by Partners in Family Development continues to have a waiting list.
 - Home visit completion rate for all home visitation programs remains high.
 - The family support programs are serving a high percentage of families at 125% of the federal poverty level.
 - The referrals from the Managed Care Organizations have been slow, however there were 2 families that enrolled in a home visitation program.
 - There was approximately a 6% decrease from last year to this year in regards to preschool tuition applications.
- A summary of the report will be provided to the February 21, 2019 board meeting.
- A copy of the 2nd Quarter progress reports are located at www.4rkids-eci.org.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:55

Next meeting is face to face on Friday May 3, 2019 from 9:00-12:00 at Madison County Extension.