



Early Childhood Iowa Area Board
Minutes
Thursday April 18, 2019
Greenfield City Hall
202 S. 1st Street
Greenfield, Iowa 50849

Finance Committee Meeting *(Information)*

The Finance Committee met prior to the meeting to review payment vouchers and budgets.

Board Meeting *(Information)*

Board Vice-Chairperson Terry convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance *(Information)*

(x means attendance at the meeting)

Board Members Present							
Adair County		Dallas County		Madison County		Warren County	
Keiley Woodside		Kevin Howe <i>Required Business Representative</i>	x	Jean Bosch		Justin Terry	x
Samantha Finneseth <i>Required Education Representative</i>		Dena Owens <i>Required Health Representative</i>		Janice Jensen	x	Terry Johnson <i>Required Human Service Representative</i>	
Deb Blazek	x	Lois Hoger <i>Required Faith Representative</i>		Paul Millhollin		Khristan Kaufman <i>Required Parent Representative</i>	x

Khristan Kaufman was present by phone.

4 R Kids Staff Present *(Information)*

Debra Schrader, Executive Director.

Others present *(Information)*

Michelle Greenough and Gina Wells (*Orchard Place/Child Care Resource and Referral*) and Lauren Linnebrink (*Iowa AEYC*)

Distinction of Quorum *(Information)*

Board membership consists of no less than 8 members and no more than 12 members, with 12 positions filled at the beginning of the meeting; 5 board members were present at the meeting and did not represent quorum. The meeting was an informational meeting.

Open Forum *(Information)*

None.

Introductions *(Information)*

Introductions were made by Board members and the audience.

Board Professional Development *(Information)*

A presentation was provided by Orchard Place/Child Care Resource and Referral and Iowa AYEC.

Tabled Items *(Information)*

Vice-Chairperson tabled the following agenda action items, agenda, minutes, contract onsite reviews, payment vouchers, and Association for ECI boards will be tabled until the next meeting.

Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards *(information)*

ECI Director Schrader shared information regarding the possibility of local ECI boards starting an Association with the objective of enhancing advocacy efforts that would turn into long term results. Association activities may include legislative monitoring, advocacy coordination, direct advocacy and coordinating with other special interests. Additionally, formal opinion from the Director of the Iowa Campaign and Ethics Disclosure board says this does not violate Iowa law. The cost to the 4 R Kids board is estimated at \$1,000 utilizing

administration funding. Of the board members present, it was consensus this is would be a wise investment. This will be an action item at the next board meeting.

Board Membership *(Information)*

Board members continue with recruitment efforts and strive for gender balance. There will be a position open on the board starting July 1, 2019. Board member Terry reported he has follow-up with an interested person to serve on the board and he can serve in multiple capacities. Board member Woodside has missed several meetings and board chairperson has followed up with no response. This may be an action item at the next board meeting.

ECI Sponsored Events *(Information)*

Southwestern Community College conducted the Adair County Toddlerfest 4-15-19 from 5:00-7:00 at the Nodaway Elementary School and Board member Blazek attended. April 18th from 2:00-4:00 is a Meet and Greet Pete the Cat at the New Virginia Library. May4th from 10:00-112:00 is the Dallas County Toddlerfest at the Dallas County Fairgrounds. June 24 is the Discovery Dome at the Winterset Public Library.

Administrative Update *(Information)*

Director Schrader disseminated an administrative update and items included:

- Legislative update and bills of interest;
- Home visit observation;
- Fiscal agent for FY20;
- Audit review;
- FY20 draft allocations and planning
- WAGES webinar;
- Family support performance targets;
- ECI director turnover;
- County meeting maps
- MCO changes;
- Community events
- Success stories;
- Prevent Child Abuse efforts and involvement;
- Early Childhood committee updates;
- Professional development;
- Marketing and public awareness activities.

Miscellaneous Board Updates *(Information)*

None.

Next meeting *(Information)*

The meeting adjourned at 725. The next meeting is May 16, 2019 at the Winterset Public Library in Winterset Iowa.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, Director.