



Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa

Board Meeting

Thursday, October 23rd, 2014, 8:00 a.m.

Olin Consolidated School, Olin

Members Present: Kandice Behnke, Paul Frederiksen, Teri Jo Griebat, Jamie Nelson, Deb Schultz, Jean Sullivan, Steve Williams, and Donna Young.

Members Absent: Dennis Boedeker and Lesley Puffer.

Others Present: Lynette Otten, Melissa Tucker, and Stephanie Snyder, LSI; Julie Orris, Jones County Agricultural Extension; and Sherri Hunt, ECI Director.

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** – Board Chair Kandice Behnke called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. with quorum achieved with 6 out of 10 members present.
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – Paul Frederiksen made a motion, seconded by Deb Schultz **to approve the ECI Board meeting minutes from September 18th, 2014 as presented.** All approved. Motion carried.
- III. **FY15 Financials** – Jean Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Paul Frederiksen **to accept the FY15 ECI Financials as presented.** All approved. Motion carried.
- IV. **LSI Home Visitation & Jones Preschool Scholarship Program Update** – Kandice Behnke and Sherri Hunt met with Nancy Krause and Stephanie Snyder from LSI regarding the Jones County Preschool Scholarship Program and the Home Visitation Program on October 14th, 2014.

The Executive Committee is recommending that the Preschool Scholarship remain under LSI. LSI is willing to continue this contract/program with their new Program Manager. Sherri will be available to help the new Program Manager with this Scholarship Program.

LSI has hired Melissa Tucker as the new Program Manager for Cedar/Jones. Melissa was previously the Program Manager in the Muscatine/Louisa areas. When a replacement has been found for Melissa in Muscatine/Louisa, a final transition plan for Melissa in the Cedar/Jones area will be determined. Intermittently, Melissa and Stephanie Snyder will cover responsibilities in all the areas.

No Family Support Workers have been hired for the Cedar/Jones area. LSI is continuing to gather applications and interview possible candidates.

Jamie Nelson arrived at 8:20 a.m. Quorum maintained at 7 out of 10 members.

- V. **Cedar Preschool Scholarship Program – Exception for Cedar County Child** – A child living in Johnson County attending preschool in Cedar County is requesting an exception to policy for receiving a Preschool Scholarship at the West Branch Community Day Care Center. Sherri contacted Johnson County ECI and they currently have a waiting list for Preschool Scholarships. Paul Frederiksen made a motion, seconded by Steve Williams **to allow the exception to policy providing the child/family applies for assistance with Johnson County ECI and when and if approved for a Johnson County Preschool Scholarship, transitions to their payer source.** All approved. Motion carried.

Teri Jo Griebat arrived at 8:35 a.m. Quorum maintained at 8 out of 10 members.

- VI. **Acknowledge FY13 Audit Review** – Steve Williams made a motion, seconded by Donna Young to accept and acknowledge the State ECI Review of the FY13 Cedar/Jones ECI Independent Audit Report. All approved. Motion carried.
- VII. **Public Comment** – Lynette Otten thank the Board for their continued support of her while she has served children and families in Jones and Cedar counties for the past 10 years. The Board noted that her services would be greatly missed.
- VIII. **Adjourn** – Teri Jo Griebat made a motion, seconded by Jean Sullivan **to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 a.m.** All approved. Meeting adjourned.

Board Retreat:

Thursday, October 23rd, 2014 – following Board Meeting, Olin Consolidated School, Olin
All invited to attend.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 20th, 2014, 8:30 a.m., Olin Consolidated School, Olin

Executive Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, November 12th, 2014, 8:00 a.m., The Skillet, Mt. Vernon

****Quarterly Program Reports will not be reviewed this quarter. Reports will be sent out via email for individual review.**