



Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa

Board Meeting

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

Olin Consolidated School, Olin

Members Present: Dennis Boedeker, Paul Frederiksen, Teri Jo Griebat, Jamie Nelson, Lesley Puffer, Deb Schultz, Jean Sullivan, Steve Williams, and Donna Young.

Members Absent: Kandice Behnke.

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

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** – Board Vice-Chairperson Paul Frederiksen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with quorum achieved with 8 out of 10 members present.
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – Steve Williams made a motion, seconded by Jamie Nelson **to approve the ECI Board meeting minutes from October 23rd, 2014 as presented.** All approved. Motion carried.
- III. **FY15 Financials** – Dennis Boedeker made a motion, seconded by Teri Jo Griebat **to accept the FY15 ECI Financials as presented.** All approved. Motion carried.

Jean Sullivan arrived at the meeting. Quorum maintained at 9 out of 10 members.

- IV. **LSI Home Visitation Program Update** – Stephanie Snyder and Melissa Tucker were present at the meeting to introduce new Family Support Worker Jenna Brokaw. It is anticipated that she will attend PAT training in January. There is not a date identified for HFA training. Jenna will cover both a portion of Cedar and Jones counties.

LSI is continuing to gather applications and interview possible candidates for the remaining position open in Jones County.

Melissa's replacement has been found in Muscatine and should be able to make a complete transition to Cedar/Jones by the end of November.

- V. **Merging Discussions with Muscatine ECI** – Sherri shared with the Board a letter that Kandice and herself had received from Muscatine ECI extending an offer to meet to for possible merger discussions. Deb Schultz made a motion, seconded by Dennis Boedeker **to respond to the Muscatine ECI and agree to a meeting to discuss possible merger options.** All approved. Motion carried. It was also requested by Board members to gather information about Muscatine ECI including their most recent Annual Report. Sherri will work to gather information and obtain a possible date for discussions.

- VI. Community Plan** – Sherri reviewed in detail the Cedar/Jones ECI Community Plan. Additions to the Community Plan include the results of the recent Community Needs Assessment and Program Trend Data. Sherri also noted that she believes the Cedar part is more thorough now than previously due to her continued involvement with and understanding of the community partners in Cedar County. Donna Young made a motion, seconded by Steve Williams **to approve the updated Cedar/Jones ECI Community Plan as presented.** All approved. Motion carried.
- VII. Public Comment** – No public comment as noted.
- VIII. Adjourn** – Teri Jo Griebat made a motion, seconded by Deb Schultz **to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m.** All approved. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, December 18th, 2014, 8:30 a.m., Olin Consolidated School, Olin

Executive Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, December 15th, 2014, 8:00 a.m., The Skillet, Mt. Vernon