



Cedar/Jones County Early Childhood Iowa

Board Meeting

Thursday, February 21st, 2013, 8:30 a.m.

Olin Consolidated School, Olin

Members Present: Kandice Behnke, Paul Frederiksen, Jamie Nelson, Mike Owen, Deb Schultz, Jean Sullivan, and Steve Williams.

Members Absent: Larry Hanon, Shelly Hilton-Cullum, Schelly Odeen, and David Oldham.

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** -- The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Board Chairperson Jean Sullivan. Quorum was established with 6 out of 11 members present.
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – Paul Frederiksen made a motion, seconded by Kandice Behnke **to approve the meeting minutes from January 24th, 2013 as presented.** All approved. Motion carried.

Deb Schultz arrived at the meeting at 8:42 a.m. Quorum maintained at 7 out of 12 members present.
- III. **Cedar/Jones ECI Financials** – Kandice Behnke made a motion, seconded by Jamie Nelson **to approve the ECI Financials as presented.** All approved. Motion carried.
- IV. **Directors' & Officers' Liability Insurance** – Steve Williams made a motion, seconded by Paul Frederiksen **to renew the D&O Liability Insurance with Allied General Agency Company through Farm Bureau in Anamosa in the annual amount of \$1,344.00.** All approved. Motion carried.
- V. **Child Care Nurse Consultant Presentation** – Jean Randolph from Hawkeye Area Community Action Program presented on her role as Child Care Nurse Consultant for Jones County. Jean talked about Iowa's Quality Rating System, tools used in the system, and developing special needs care plans for children in child care settings.
- VI. **Preschool Scholarship Programming Policies Approval** – Sherri presented the Board with draft Preschool Scholarship Programming Policies. These policies were crafted by the Preschool Scholarship Committee comprised of Lynnette Otten, LSI; Barb Smith, Cedar County Public Health; Jamie Nelson; and Schelly Odeen. The Board suggestion noting an implementation date of 7/1/13 on the policy and sending the draft to preschool programs to get a better understanding of the impact of these policies on the participating programs. Steve Williams made a motion, seconded by Mike Owen **to support the implementation of these policies, gain feedback from programs, and to approve the policies at a future meeting when feedback has been received and discussed.** All approved. Motion carried.

- VII. Board Professional Development Plan Approval** – The Board reviewed the final draft of the Board Professional Development Plan for FY13. The Board discussed whether or not their goals were measurable and agreed that the steps to meeting their goals were measurable as well as obtainable. Kandice Behnke made a motion, seconded by Paul Frederiksen **to approve the FY13 Board Professional Development Plan as presented.** All approved. Motion carried.
- VIII. Public Awareness Plan Approval** -- The Board reviewed a draft Public Awareness Plan. It was suggested to change the wording from “a Facebook account” to “a Social Media presence, i.e. Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.” Paul Frederiksen made a motion, seconded by Kandice Behnke to approve the FY13 Public Awareness Plan as amended. All approved. Motion carried.
- IX. Review of Local Indicators** – Sherri reviewed data for both Cedar and Jones counties for the ECI determined local indicators. In Cedar County, an area of concern regarding “Children Entering Kindergarten with Preschool Experience” seen decline the last year. In Jones County, data showed an alarming increase in “Confirmed Neglect & Child Abuse Cases” and a significant drop in the # of registered child care providers.
- X. ECI Day on the Hill – Tuesday, March 12th, 2013** -- Sherri reminded members if they wanted to attend the ECI Day on the Hill to contact her for travel arrangements.
- XI. Public Comment** – No public comment was noted.
- XII. Adjourn** – Mike Owen made a motion, seconded by Steve Williams **to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m.** It was also agreed upon by Board members that March’s meeting should be held on the 28th of March to avoid conflicts with Spring Break in areas.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 28th, 2013, 8:30 a.m.; Olin Consolidated School, Olin