



## *Cedar/Jones County Early Childhood Iowa*

### *Board Meeting*

*Thursday, August 16th, 2012, 8:30 a.m.*

*Olin Consolidated School, Olin*

**Members Present:** Kandice Behnke, Paul Frederickson, Larry Hanon, Shelley Hilton-Cullum, Jamie Nelson, David Oldham, Mike Owen, Deb Schultz, Annette Shipley, Rev. Jean Sullivan, and Steve Williams.

**Members Absent:** Schelly Odeen.

**Others Present:** Lynette Otten, LSI; Phyllis Zalenski, ISU Extension; and Sherri Hunt, ECI Director.

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Board Chair Jean Sullivan. Quorum established with 11/12 members present.
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** -- Kandice Behnke made a motion, seconded by Jamie Nelson **to approve meeting minutes from the June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 Cedar/Jones ECI Merger Planning Meeting, the June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Jones County ECI Board Meeting, and the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Cedar County ECI Board meeting.** All approved. Motion carried.
- III. **Preschool Scholarship Programs – Update and Exceptions to Policy** – Sherri reported that the Preschool Scholarship committee met and established reimbursement rates for preschools, established 4 year olds as priority, and established policies on waiting lists, attendance, and application processes.

Stacy Campion from Cedar County Public Health addressed the Board on behalf of the Cedar County Preschool Program requesting consideration of a scholarship for a student living in Scott County but attending preschool in Cedar County. Currently there is a waiting list for students for Preschool Scholarships in Scott County. Larry Hanon made a motion, seconded by Deb Schultz **to approve this exception to Preschool policies thus allowing for an out of county child to receive a Cedar County Preschool scholarship noting that the child lives within the boundary of the Bennett Community School District and attends preschool in Bennett, of which both entities are in Cedar County.** All approved. Motion carried.

Lynette Otten presented to the Board a request from the Olin Consolidated School (OCS) Preschool to support wrap-around preschool in the Olin School for the additional time that students are in the preschool above and beyond what is supported by the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP). Children at the OCS Preschool attend preschool five days a week for a full school day and the program receives funding for only 10 hours weekly through SWVPP. OCS District is charging families \$100.00 monthly to cover this additional time/service and would like support for eligible families to cover the cost.

Kandice Behnke made a motion, seconded by Paul Frederickson **to offer Preschool Scholarships to eligible children in the OCS in the amount of \$100.00/month with the provision that Olin continues to work on quality standards.** All approved. Motion carried.

- IV. **Jones ECI Annual Report** – After Board review, Jamie Nelson made a motion, seconded by David Oldham **to approve the FY12 Jones County ECI Annual Report for submittal to the State ECI Team.** All approved. Motion carried.
- V. **Cedar ECI Annual Report** –After Board review, Annette Shipley made a motion, seconded by Larry Hanon **to approve the FY12 Cedar County ECI Annual Report for submittal to the State ECI Team.** All approved. Motion carried.
- VI. **Cedar/Jones ECI Financials – Acceptance of Amended Budget** – Sherri presented the Board with an amended FY13 Cedar/Jones ECI Budget reflecting the actual carryover amounts from both Cedar and Jones counties. An additional \$7500 was identified from carryover that was not projected thus creating a line item called “Program Expansion.” Total carryover amounts for the two counties totals just over \$43,000. Combined with FY13 allocations, this allow for a combined budget totaling almost \$371,000.00. David Oldham made a motion, seconded by Paul Frederickson **to approve the FY13 Cedar/Jones ECI amended budget as presented.** All approved. Motion carried.
- VII. **FY13 Planning** – Sherri told the Board that over the next several months she will be working on goals regarding the Levels of Excellence, updating the website and policies and procedures, promoting Facebook, and cleaning out files from both Cedar and Jones ECI areas. Members also suggested newspaper articles about the programs and the Board and establishing terms for each of the Board members.
- VIII. **Public Comment** – Phyllis Zalenski updated the Board regarding a training/class calendar that the Child Care Resource Coordinator is working on.
- IX. **Adjourn** – Annette Shipley made a motion, seconded by Dave Oldham to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. All approved.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 20th, 2012, 8:30 a.m. Olin Consolidated School, Olin