



Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa

*Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, January 13th, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
The Skillet, Mt. Vernon*

Attending: David Lorenzen, Chairperson, Jean Sullivan, Vice-Chairperson, Teri Jo Griebat, Secretary, Deb Schultz, Treasurer, and Sherri Hunt, Director.

- I. Legislative Session – 2017** – Sherri attended a Listening Post hosted by Senator Rob Hogg and Senator Liz Mathis. Early Childhood was brought up and Senators encouraged attendees to continue to talk to their legislators about this important topic.
- II. 2017 Budget Cuts** – The Legislative is responsible for cutting \$\$ from the current FY17 budget. ECI is still waiting to here an actual impact, but local areas are being told to project cutting up to 5% from their FY17 allocations, both in Early Childhood and School Ready. In Early Childhood this equates to approximately \$1,566 in Early Childhood and \$14,937 in School Ready funds, which will need to be cut from the current FY17 budget and current contracts. The Board will need to make a decision what programs and services will be impacted.
- III. Imagination Library/Grant Receipt Updates** – Sherri has been working to increase participation in Imagination Libraries for both Cedar and Jones. She has reached out to mom’s groups and childcare centers. Participation in Jones is at 127 children and 97 children in Cedar.
- IV. Employer of Record Contracts for FY18** – Sherri sent a request for consideration of decreasing the administrative fee for the Employer of Record Agreement with Jones County. The will be included as part of their FY17 Budgeting process. No response has yet been received. Committee members suggested follow up with the County Auditor and Jones County Board of Supervisors.
- V. Maternal Health Presentation** – Kim Ott from HACAP will be presenting to the Board on the Iowa Dept. of Public Health Maternal Health Program.
- VI. Board Professional Development Plan 2017** – A draft Board Professional Development Plan will be presented to the Board for their input. An item to include will be to work towards increased diversity and more consumer Board member representation.
- VII. Review of Quarterly Program Reports** – 2nd Quarter Program and Financial Reports will be shared with the Board for review and approval. A more in-depth review and discussion of program outcomes will be scheduled in the next month with the Project Oversight Committee.

Sherril is also scheduling Mid-Year Program Reviews and asking Board members to attend at least one program review.

- VIII. Preschool Scholarships** – There has been another Preschool Scholarship Application received for a 4 year old. Additional \$\$ will need to be added to this program to support this child. Two three year olds remain on the waiting list.
- IX. Review of the Public Awareness Plan** – The Board will review progress made on the ECI Public Awareness Plan.
- X. Early Childhood Funding Formula** – The Board will review materials sent by the State ECI Office regarding options they are considering for changes to the Early Childhood Funding Formula. The State ECI office is asking for a Board response to their questions/options by March 1st.

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, February 8th, 2017, 8:00 a.m., the Skillet, Mt. Vernon

Board Meeting:

Thursday, January 19th, 2017, 8:30 a.m., Olin Consolidated School, Olin