



Cedar/Jones County Early Childhood Iowa

*Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 8th, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
The Skillet, Mt. Vernon*

Present: Paul Frederiksen, Deb Schultz, Teri Jo Griebat, and Sherri Hunt, ECI Director.

- I. Child Care Provider/Preschool Mini Grants** – Mini Grant Applications have been released. An email was sent to providers regarding the process but not all emails of providers are available.
- II. Grants for Dolly Parton Imagination Library** – Jones County Endowment Grant application has been denied. Sherri has requested feedback regarding the application.

Sherri did not apply for a Community Impact Grant through the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque to support to the Imagination Library. Funds were approximately \$30,000 over a four county area and Sherri felt our chances of success were minimal given that the Endowment Grant and the Impact Grant are managed by the same entity.

The Community Foundation of Cedar County Grant is due February 15th, 2014 and Sherri will request Board support to apply for this grant. A Fiscal Agent of the project will need to be obtained.

- III. Early Childhood Book Drive** – February 1st through February 28th, 2014. Sponsors/drop off sites are being secured. Flyers printed. Collection boxes obtained. Flyers for distribution will be available at Board meeting on January 16th. Press release will be the first week of February.
- IV. Program Presentation** – This month's presentation will be by Sandra Hill, Child Care Nurse Consultant and Rikki Hetzler, I-Smile Coordinator, both of which are contracted through Trinity Muscatine Public Health.
- V. Quarterly Program Reports** – Reports will be reviewed at this month's meeting. The Project Oversight Committee will convene to review more in-depth and identify questions/concerns/issues/FY15 planning that will be discussed at the on-site program reviews. Project Oversight Committee membership will need to be solidified. Board members will also be asked to be part of on-site program reviews. A contractor list will be shared at the Board meeting for sign-up.
- VI. Board Professional Development Plan** – A draft plan will be presented to the Board for feedback and approval.
- VII. Public Awareness Plan** – Discussion and development of a draft for Board approval at February meeting.
- VIII. Director Update** -- Early Childhood Iowa Day on the Hill is Wednesday, February 12th, 2014. Members are asking for an impact statement to share with legislators.

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Next Executive Committee Meeting: February 10th, 2014, 8:00 a.m. The Skillet, Mt. Vernon