



Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa

*Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 12th, 2016, 8:00 a.m.
The Skillet, Mt. Vernon*

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

- I. Quality Child Care Improvement Initiative** – The Board will need to follow up on discussions for consideration of funds for DE Preschools for Quality Improvement Mini Grants. No current requests have been received or are pending. Limited funds are currently unallocated with the exception of Family Support funds.

An Announcement was released for DHS Child Care Centers, Homes, and Preschools for Quality Improvement Mini Grants for programs participating in Iowa's QRS.

- II. Preschool Scholarships Updates** -- A request has been received for an exception to Policy for a child who lives out of area, but whom is attending preschool in Oxford Junction. Current utilization of funds will also be discussion. Currently two children are on the three-year-old waiting list.
- III. State ECI Board Meeting Update** – Sherri, Steve Williams, and David Lorenzen attended the State ECI Board Meeting in September and gave a short presentation on Cedar/Jones ECI, Board philosophies, challenges, successes, and programs funded.
- IV. State ECI Directors' Meeting Update** – Sherri attended the State ECI Directors' Meeting in September and the State ECI Stakeholder's Meeting. Updates were shared regarding the implementation of Federal requirements for the Child Care Reauthorization, updates from the State Child Care Nurse Consultant, and updates regarding Family Support and implementation of the statewide Daisy Data Collection System.

The State ECI Stakeholder's Meeting shared information regarding each of the component groups, what they do as a group, and initiatives they are currently working on.
- V. Book Drive Distribution and Preschool/Child Care Visits** -- Sherri has been visiting the preschool and childcare centers in the past month and sharing books from the Book Drive.
- VI. LSI Home Visitation Program Update** – Sherri shared with the group that one of the LSI Family Support Workers recently resigned and that she received a transition plan from LSI discussing how families would be impacted and transitioned within or out of the program. She asked LSI to share this information with the Board at the next meeting including how the recruitment of new Family Support Workers is going. LSI is also scheduled to give their annual presentation to the Board at the October meeting.

- VII. Family Support Wage Survey Results** – Sherri sent a survey to ECI Directors statewide requesting that it be shared with the Family Support Staff. She is trying to gather information relating to Family Support Worker wages. She will also be reviewing a survey conducted by the State ECI office a few years ago and will share results of both surveys with the Board at the meeting.
- VIII. CART and Child Care Resource Coordinator Program Update** -- Sherri has been discussing FY17 plans with the CART and the Child Care Resource Coordinator programs regarding training opportunities for Child Care Providers. Providers are currently being required to attend 12 hours of professional development as part of the Child Care Reauthorization and may not be interested in attending additional training opportunities. This could impact attendance at trainings offered through CART and the Child Care Resource Coordinator. Both programs will be monitored regarding this barrier they are facing.
- IX. CCNC Programs Update** – A new Child Care Nurse Consultant has been hired for Jones County. Sherri has not yet met her.
- X. Theisen’s and Jones County Endowment Grants for DP Imagination Library** – Sherri submitted both Theisen’s and Jones County Endowment Grants for support to continue the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Theisen’s Grants were submitted for both Cedar and Jones counties. The Jones County Endowment Grant requires a 25% match and the Board will need to discuss their level of support.
- XI. FY17 Board Calendar** – A working calendar will be shared with Board for FY17 as guidance for items that will be addressed each month at Board meetings.
- XII. Membership** – Sherri is continuing to explore leads on adding a male to the Board membership.
- XIII. Review of Quarterly Program Reports** – First quarter program reports will be reviewed at the Board meeting.

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, November 9th, 2016, 8:30 a.m., the Skillet, Mt. Vernon

Board Meeting:

Thursday, October 20th, 2016, 8:30 a.m., Olin Consolidated School, Olin