



Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa

*Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 9th, 2016, 8:00 a.m.
The Skillet, Mt. Vernon*

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

- I. Preschool Scholarships Updates** – The out of area child approved for scholarship at the Midland Preschool is no longer attending and won't be utilizing scholarship funds. Limited funds remain in this pool and two three year olds remain on the waiting list.
- II. State ECI Board Meeting Update** – The Levels of Excellence system will no longer be used for evaluation of local ECI areas. A committee is working on another system for evaluation and determining compliance.
- III. Imagination Library/Grant Receipt Updates** – Two grants were received from Theisen's, each \$1,500 for the Imagination Library, one in Cedar and one in Jones. We are waiting on a grant announcement from the Jones County Community Foundation. Efforts to add children in Cedar County will be increased greatly. With the Cedar County Foundation grant award also, these funds allow for considerable expansion.
- IV. LSI Home Visitation Program Update** – A Family Support Worker has been hired to serve Cedar County and recruitment efforts are continuing for a worker in Jones County. The Board will be asked to approve amended LSI Home Visitation budgets.
- V. Child Care Resource Coordinator Program Presentation** – Julie Orris from ISU Extension will give a presentation on her role as Child Care Resource Coordinator and the services she provides for child care providers.
- VI. Child Care Reauthorization Overview Presentation** – Cindy Heck from Child Care Resource and Referral will provide the Board with an overview of the recent Federal Child Care Reauthorization and its impact on child care providers in our area.
- VII. Legislative Outreach** – The committee discussed inviting legislators to our December Board meeting to continue to make them aware of the importance of early childhood and the impact of those first 200 days on a child's life. Sherri will reach out to legislators with an invitation.
- VIII. Review of Community Wide Indicator Data** – Indicator data will be updated and reviewed at the next Board meeting. The Board will also discuss trends, eliminating non-helpful data, or adding data that may be more helpful in their decision-making.

IX. Release of Board Evaluations – The Board will review the tool utilized for Board evaluations and approve the process conducting the next evaluation with results to be shared in December.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Considering December 5th or 9th.
TBD -- 8:00 a.m., the Skillet, Mt. Vernon

Board Meeting:
Thursday, November 15th, 2016, 8:30 a.m., Olin Consolidated School, Olin