



Cedar/Jones County Early Childhood Iowa

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 13th, 2013, 8:00 a.m.

Skillet, Mt. Vernon

Present: Kandice Behnke, Paul Frederiksen, Teri Jo Griebat, Deb Schultz, Jean Sullivan, and Sherri Hunt.

- I. Child Care Provider/Preschool Mini Grants** – A committee composed of Jean Randolph, Jones Child Care Nurse Consultant, Sandi Hill, Cedar Child Care Nurse Consultant, Cindy Heck, Cedar and Jones Child Care Consultant, Jamie Nelson, Board Member, Joe Yedlik and Julie Orris, ISU Extension, and Sherri Hunt, ECI Director is working to set a date to begin discussions regarding the policies and procedures of the Child Care Provider Mini Grant process and to develop a timeline for the process.
- II. Preschool Scholarships** – A request has been received for exception to policy for Board consideration.
- III. Jones County Endowment Grant** – Grant has been submitted with Jones County as the Fiscal Sponsor. Notifications of grantees will be made in mid to late December.
- IV. Lutheran Services in Iowa Home Visitation Program**– Staffing changes, data discussions, and budget reviews are occurring.
- V. Program Presentation** – This month’s presentation will be by Julie Orris, the Child Care Resource Coordinator with ISU Extension. The Committee felt it would be interesting to look at QRS and child care provider trends. Sherri will follow up on.
- VI. Board Evaluation** – The Board Evaluation process will be discussed at this month’s meeting with the intention of releasing an online survey, one to Board members, and one to the Early Childhood Community. Results will be discussed in December.
- VII. Director Update** – Sherri has been participating in a committee at the State level which is reviewing the Levels of Excellence process for the next three year cycle starting in 2014.

She is also participating in a Distance Mentoring Model (DMM) committee with Grant Wood AEA. DMM is a pilot project the AEA is working on through the Early Access program where service providers work more directly with families to teach skills so they can then use these skills in their daily lives with special needs children.

Finally, she is participating with the Cedar County Consortium and Families First as they look to restructure these organizations in Cedar County.

Board Meeting: Thursday, November 21st, 2013, 8:30 a.m. Olin Consolidated School, Olin

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Wednesday, December 11th, 2013, 8:00 a.m., Skillet, Mt. Vernon