



Cedar/Jones County Early Childhood Iowa

*Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 12th, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
Gwyn's, Lisbon*

Present: Kandice Behnke, Paul Frederiksen, and Sherri Hunt.

- I. Child Care Provider/Preschool Mini Grants** – The committee met and will be asking the Board for approval of mini grant policies. Policies include requiring preschool and child care providers to have submitted an application for a Quality Rating System Level 2 by March 31st, 2014 to be eligible for a mini grant. This would also be the due date for the Mini Grant applications which can only be obtained through a Child Care Nurse Consultant or Child Care Consultant. Grants would be for a maximum of \$500. Items could only be purchased from Lakeshore Learning Center or Kaplan Early Learning Company. Obtaining the application from the consultant and meeting with them would allow the consultant to provide ideas of needed items that could be utilized with mini grant funds.

- II. Preschool Scholarships** – There is the possibility of two children from the Midland Preschool needing scholarship assistance. This would require additional funds to support these children.

Sherri would like the Board to consider having a DE Licensed Preschool apply for State Child Care Assistance to cover the cost of preschool for eligible children. Utilizing these funds for preschool would take some of the burden from our Scholarship Program. She would like to have a preschool enroll and act as a Pilot Project for the area for the remainder of FY14. This would allow for the Board to have some input regarding whether participation in the child care assistance program should be a pre-requisite for receiving scholarship funds.

- III. Grants for Dolly Parton Imagination Library** – Jones County Endowment Grant has been submitted with Jones County as the Fiscal Sponsor. Notifications of grantees will be made in mid to late December.

Sherri is considering applying for a Community Impact Grant through the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque to support to the Imagination Library.

- IV. Lutheran Services in Iowa Home Visitation Program** – Loss of a Family Support Worker in Jones County.

- V. Program Presentation** – This month's presentation will be by Sandra Busta, Child Care Alliance Response Team.

- VI. Board Evaluation** – The Board Evaluation has been completed by Board and Community Members. Results will be reviewed and discussed. Board Professional Development to be discussed.

VII. Director Update – State Director’s Meeting in December was cancelled due to weather conditions. Agenda items will be reviewed at a Regional Director’s meeting in January.

Sherri did an ECI presentation for staff at Camp Courageous.

SE Regional Director’s are planning training on Financial Procedures including claim reviews, auditing files, etc. A trainer is being hired from Business and Community Solutions for a class lasting 2 – 2 1/2 hours. Cost is \$100 and includes a manual.

Sherri is planning to attend the Scholastic Warehouse Book Sale to possibly purchase low cost books to be included as part of the Early Childhood Book Drive.

Early Childhood Iowa Day on the Hill is Wednesday, February 12th, 2014.

Board Meeting: Thursday, December 19th, 2013, 8:30 a.m. Olin Consolidated School, Olin

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, January 8th, 2014, 8:00 a.m., Skillet, Mt. Vernon