



***Cedar/Jones
Early Childhood Iowa***

*Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 15th, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
The Skillet, Mt. Vernon*

Present: Kandice Behnke, Paul Frederiksen, Jean Sullivan, and Sherri Hunt, ECI Director.

- I. LSI Home Visitation Program Update** – Sherri and Kandi will be having a Conference Call with LSI to get an update regarding Home Visitation Programming. Discussed will be an update on the new hire and any potential candidates for the remaining open position, case loads, technology in Cedar County, I-Pad usage, and PAT and HFA training.

LSI will also be requesting permission for out of State training to attend Parents As Teachers training for the new Family Support worker in January at this month's meeting.
- II. Merging Discussions across Eastern Iowa** – Sherri made contact with Muscatine ECI regarding merger discussions and requested possible meeting dates. She has not heard anything back from Muscatine ECI since the middle of November. Sherri also requested the FY14 Annual Report for Muscatine ECI from the State ECI office.
- III. Preschool Scholarship Update** – Cedar County Public Health is overspent on their Cedar County Preschool Scholarship Contract with one additional 4 year old on the waiting list. LSI has 3 three olds on the Jones County Preschool Scholarship waiting list and is projecting nearly 100% spent. No movement on the State Child Care Assistance.
- IV. Jones & Cedar County Community Foundation Grants** – Jones County received the Community Foundation Grant for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Sherri will work to get that up and going in December. Sherri is also requesting approval from the Board to apply for the Cedar County Community Foundation Grant, which is due February 15th, 2015.
- V. Rainbow Child Care Center – Anamosa** – The Rainbow Child Care Center is anticipated to close at the end of the 14/15 School year due to financial difficulties. The program manager, Anamosa Community Schools, is working with the community to consider alternate options to keeping the center open under different management.
- VI. Changing Table Request – Campus for Kids** - The center is requesting \$260 for changing table steps. The committee agrees that there are currently no funds or contracts available at this time for these types of requests.
- VII. ECI Day on the Hill** - The committee discussed how to make the Day on the Hill more effective. Sherri also noted that Legislative Listening Posts on Saturdays during session would be a good thing to attend. She will send out dates when available.

- VIII. D&O Liability Insurance** – The policy is due in March and Sherri is obtaining quotes for Board consideration.
- IX. LOE – Portfolio and Site Review** – The Levels of Excellence Portfolio was reviewed by the Committee and will be presented to the Board for approval. Dates, time, and a schedule for the LOE Site Visit will need to be discussed and agreed upon.

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, January 7th, 2015, 8:00 a.m., The Skillet, Mt. Vernon