



## *Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa*

*Executive Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, February 10th, 2016, 8:00 a.m.  
The Skillet, Mt. Vernon*

Attending: Kandice Behnke, Chairperson, Jean Sullivan, and Deb Schultz, Treasurer.

**March Board Meeting:** Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, 8:30 a.m.

- I. Financial Discussion** – The Board will need to closely review the FY16 Financials and determine if they wish to put funds into other programming. One option under consideration will be the Quality Child Care Improvement Initiative. Another option would be to carryover \$\$ into FY17.
- II. Board Professional Development Plan** – Sherri will share with the Board updates on the Board Professional Development Plan after discussion with the State ECI Technical Assistance Team.
- III. Child Care Alliance Response Team Presentation** – Sandra Busta, GWAEA, will present on the CART Program. Preschool Teach Katie Andrews from Olin will also share her experiences.
- IV. DHS Presentation** – Previously scheduled was Heidi Brown from DHS. Recent occurrences have caused Heidi to have to cancel.
- V. Membership Review** – Board membership will be reviewed for future planning and membership needs.
- VI. Board Work Plan** – Sherri will plan to share with the Board a work plan that she utilizes to keep the Board on track for items needed regular and timely completion.
- VII. Book Drive** – The Early Childhood Book Drive is well underway. 50 collection boxes have been distributed and many fliers have been posted and shared with school age children and families. Several Board members and community members are assisting in various communities.
- VIII. Cedar County Community Foundation – Grant Application** – Sherri is working on the application, recruiting letters of support, and plans to submit by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2106.
- IX. Project Oversight Committee Meeting/CCNC Meeting** – Sherri has not yet scheduled this meeting but will be doing soon. She will be encouraging more Board members to join this committee and ask the State Child Care Nurse Consultant to attend for future planning.

- X. **Mid-Year Program Reviews** – Program Reviews are nearly complete and have been going well. At least one Board member has been present at each program review. The Project Oversight Committee will discuss these reviews more in-depth.
- XI. **Monticello Health Fair** – Sherri is checking into possible participation at the Monticello Health Fair and considering options for child vision screens, developmental delay screens, and dental screens.
- XII. **D&O Liability Insurance** – A bill for renewal of the Directors’ and Officers’ Liability Insurance was received and submitted for payment.
- XIII. **Director Request to Attend Prevent Child Abuse Conference** – Sherri would like to attend the Annual Prevent Child Abuse Conference in April in Des Moines and will be asking the Board for approval to attend. Attendance includes overnight travel.
- XIV. **State ECI Annual Report** – Sherri will share with the Board the State ECI Annual Report. Kandi Behnke offered to make copies for each member and will bring to the meeting.
- XV. **Early Childhood Day on the Hill** – February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 – Plans are being made for the Early Childhood Day on the Hill. Sherri plans to attend and will encourage Board members to join her. She plans to contact legislators to let them know of her plans.
- XVI. **Connections Matter/ACES Training** – Sherri is working to schedule Connections Matter and ACES trainings in the area. ACES training will be coordinated through Julie Orris at Jones County Extension and Jean Sullivan will be conducting the Connections Matter training.
- XVII. **Care for Kids Training/Lemonade for Life Training** – Care for Kids Training had 5 participants and will be implemented in several programs in Jones County. Sherri is working with the Jones County Family Council to encourage participation in preschools utilizing this Sexual Abuse Prevention Curriculum.

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

**Board Meeting:** Thursday, February 18th, 2016, 8:30 a.m., Olin Consolidated School, Olin