



Cedar/Jones County Early Childhood Iowa

*Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 14th, 2013
Hale Restaurant, Hale*

Present: Schelly Odeen, Jean Sullivan, Deb Schultz, and Sherri Hunt.

- I. **Review Monthly Financials** – Treasurer Deb Schultz reviewed monthly invoices and reconciled the bank statement.
- II. **Preschool Scholarship Programs Update** – Both preschool scholarship programs have reviewed applications with 2013 Federal Poverty Guidelines. If new guidelines were utilized, it appears as if this would have minimal effect of eligible children. Programs also looked at the number of children that would qualify if eligibility was increased to 250%. 2 children would qualify in Jones County and 3 in Cedar County. The problem with increasing eligibility is that programs feel we would need to re-advertise these new guidelines to families and preschools, thus opening the door for even more applicants. It is not being recommended at this time.
- III. **Preschool Scholarship Programming Policies for FY14** – A Preschool Program Scholarship meeting was held with Board members and program managers. Policies are being developed and will be presented to the Board for approval. Changes include establishing Preschool Program Standard Requirements for programs to be eligible to receive scholarship \$\$, changing the boundaries of eligible children, and mandating an age requirement for eligible children.
- IV. **Computer** – The ECI Computer was repaired and is working great at a cost of \$129.47.
- V. **Membership** – Very high priority as we need to have a Human Services representative by our March 2013 Board meeting. We are also anticipating the loss of members and will need to have more members ready to participate by July 1st, 2013. Also seeking an individual to fill the slot of Vice-Chair. Intent is for this person to be from Cedar County.
- VI. **Board Evaluation/Professional Development Plan** – A final draft Professional Development Plan will be presented to the Board for approval. Attendance at the Early Childhood Iowa Day on the Hill will also be encouraged.
- VII. **Mid-Year Program Reviews** – Mid-year program on-site reviews will begin on February 15th, 2013 and should be wrapped up by March 15th, 2013. Programs are being asked to provide documentation that supports data submitted in their quarterly reports and in their initial proposals. Possible program changes for FY14 will also be discussed.
- VIII. **Public Awareness Plan** – A draft Public Awareness Plan for Cedar/Jones ECI will be presented to the Board for feedback and possibly approval.
- IX. **Program Presentation** – The Jones County Child Care Nurse Consultant will present at this month's Board meeting.

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