



Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa

*Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 11th, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
The Skillet, Mt. Vernon*

Present: Kandi Behnke, Paul Frederiksen, Teri Jo Griebat, Jean Sullivan, and Sherri Hunt, ECI Director.

- I. Program Presentation – Lutheran Services in Iowa** – will be bringing family members share their thoughts on the Home Visitation Programs.
- II. LSI Update**
 - a. Stephanie Snyder has resigned her position with LSI effective at the end of the month. At this time, Stephanie’s position is not being filled.
 - b. ICAPP grants were submitted by March 4th, 2015 for both the Cedar and Jones programs, maximum amounts applied for. Notice of awards will be made in mid- Early May.
 - c. Data Review – Sherri and Melissa have been completing a Data Review on the data in the RedCap Family Support Data System. Minimal concerns noted and any programs are being resolved.
 - d. RedCap Training – Sherri and Melissa will also be attending RedCap Training being held to help programs pull useful data reports from the RedCap system.
- III. Preschool Scholarships** – Sherri would like the Preschool Scholarship Committee to meet and begin reviewing the FY16 Scholarship application and any necessary changes to policies. Her goal is to be able to release the Scholarship Application to Preschool Programs by April 20th, 2015.
- IV. Community Planning** –
 - a. Community Discussions – Community Discussions have occurred in Monticello, Anamosa, Tipton, and a date is set for a discussion in West Branch. Sherri will provide an overview of these discussions and plans for further meetings aimed at meeting the Cedar/Jones ECI Community Priorities.
 - b. Release of RFP – The Project Oversight Committee has plans to release the FY16 RFP. The committee will meet again in late April/early May to review the proposals and make funding recommendations to the Board.
- V. Board Professional Development Plan** – A draft will be shared with the Board for discussion at the Board meeting. The Executive Committee discussed presentations from Head Start, CCR&R, and Early Access.
- VI. Board Membership** – Board membership will be reviewed and future needs will be discussed at the Board meeting. Members will also be encouraged to consider an Executive position for FY16.

- VII. Dolly Parton Imagination Library** – Sherri is currently having families complete enrollment cards for the Jones Imagination Library. We are waiting for the determination of the Cedar County Community Foundation Grant.
- VIII. ECI Day on the Hill** – Sherri, Jean Sullivan, and Donna Young will be attending.
- IX. Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Conference** – An overnight travel request will be made by Sherri to attend the Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Conference in Des Moines in April. The Jones County Family Council will be covering the cost of her registration fee for the conference.
- X. Merger Discussions with ECI Muscatine** – The merger meeting will be discussed at the Board meeting and determine position on next steps. ECI Muscatine is requesting a letter from the Board with a formal position on the desire to merge and possible next steps.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: April TBS, 2015, 8:00 a.m., Skillet, Mt. Vernon

Board Meeting: Thursday, March 26th, 2015, 8:30 am.