



Cedar/Jones County Early Childhood Iowa

*Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 20th, 2013
Hale Restaurant, Hale*

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

- I. Financials** – Financials will be reviewed at this month's Board meeting with projections for FY13 carryover.
- II. Preschool Scholarship Programming Policies for FY14 Update** – The Preschool Scholarship Program Policies have been shared with preschools and the FY14 Scholarship Application released. Feedback has been minimal. A meeting with Cedar County preschools is set for April 2nd, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cedar County Courthouse to discuss further and receive feedback from preschools. A few preschools have RSVP'd for the meeting. Sherri will follow up later next week with those she has not heard from.
- III. Membership** – We have two individuals who are interested in joining the ECI Board. Kelly Banowetz is from Anamosa recruited by Jamie Nelson and Lesley Puffer is from Tipton recruited by Paul Frediksen. Membership applications have been shared with them and we are awaiting their return. Schelly Odeen has also contacted Jan Esbeck from Tipton who is interested in learning more about the Board also. Schelly will get Sherri Jan's contact information to follow up on. Schelly also noted that she had contact an attorney from Tipton, Doug Simken. Doug was previously on the Cedar Board and does not wish to become part of the combined Board at this time.
- IV. Mid-Year Program Reviews** – Mid-year program on-site reviews have been completed. Sherri is working on completing the documentation associated with the visits.

Child Care Resource Coordinator program -- There are continued issues with this program and restructuring of the position/contract may be necessary. A meeting will be held with ISU Extension to discuss this possibility. Changes are being recommended from ISU Extension.

Cedar County Preschool Scholarship Program – The program is running high on the Salary/Benefits line item. A budget amendment may need to be considered and Sherri is waiting from a response from Cedar County Public Health.

LSI Home Visitation – There will be programming changes starting April 1st. Lynette Otten will be the Program Supervisor for both Cedar and Jones counties. A new Family Support Worker is also being hired for Jones County.

No other issues were noted on visits.

- V. Board Professional Development Plan** – The plan will be reviewed at this month's meeting. Of particular discussion is member's goal towards contacting individuals for Board membership.

- VI. FY14 Funding Plans** – Options will be discussed for requesting information from programs for consideration for FY14 funding.
- VII. ECI Day on the Hill Update** — Sherri and Jean Sullivan attended the ECI Day on the Hill. They met with Senator Dan Zumbach, Senator Tod Bowman, Senator Robert Dvorsky, Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, Rep. Lee Hein, and Rep. Brian Moore. Sherri also shared brief talking points on legislative requests.
- VIII. Director Update** – Sherri participated in the Midland Family Fun Night, updated the ECI display board, and participated in the SE Regional Director’s meetings, as well as listened in on the State ECI Board meeting. She is making plans to attend LOE Reviews with neighboring ECI areas.
- IX. Community Survey** – Sherri reported that as part of the annual review of the Board’s performance that community input is gathered. She will share the monkey survey that Board used for their annual evaluation with contractors and other community partners. The evaluation will also be posted on the ECI website for feedback for any additional individuals wishing to participate.

Board Meeting: Thursday, March 28th, 2013, 8:30 a.m. Olin Consolidated School, Olin