



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

*Executive Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, April 7th, 2015, 8:00 a.m.  
The Skillet, Mt. Vernon*

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

- I. Program Presentation** – Trinity Muscatine Public Health – I-Smile Program Expansion and Child Care Nurse Consultant.
- II. Quarterly Program Report Reviews** – Quarterly Program Reports will be reviewed at the April Board meeting.
- III. LSI Update**
  - a. Jordan Tipton resigned** her position as Family Support Worker after 6 weeks in the position and attending a weeklong PAT training.
  - b. Discussions** with LSI Nancy Krause and Melissa Tucker and Sherri and Steve Williams regarding LSI managing Preschool Scholarship Program for FY16.
  - c. RedCap** issues with LSI requesting changes in Data Access Groups. Difficulty with overseeing RedCap with current set up of system.
- IV. Preschool Scholarships** – Scholarship Committee meeting on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to review Program Policies and Scholarship Application. One option to consider will be to have applications submitted to the Preschools for completion review and then submitted to Scholarship Program.
- V. Child Care Program Updates** –
  - a. Rainbow Child Care in Anamosa** -- closing effective April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
  - b. Kidz R Us Child Care in Anamosa** – working on expansion plans to create a center on the north side of Anamosa to serve approximately 150 children.
  - c. Before and After School Care in Mechanicsville** – possible plans to continue to function at the Mechanicsville Elementary School with independent, non-school management.
- VI. Long Range Planning** –
  - a. Meeting planned** for April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with Grant Wood AEA to discuss Behavioral Interventions for young children with intense behavioral, social, and emotion needs and Development Delay Screenings.
  - b. FY16 Funding Proposals** – are to be post marked or received in the ECI office by April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Over view of requests will be shared at the April Board meeting. Sherri will be convening the Project Oversight Committee to review and score proposals.

- VII. Board Membership** – Contacts will be made for potential new members. Male members to be considered first for Gender Balance.
- VIII. Dolly Parton Imagination Library** – First set of books were mailed to Jones County families enrolled in Imagination Library. We are waiting for the determination of the Cedar County Community Foundation Grant.
- IX. Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Conference** – Sherri will be out of town for the Conference on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- X. Merger Discussions with ECI Muscatine** – Draft letter to be shared with the Board for position on whether or not to pursue merger discussions with ECI Muscatine. Sherri shared an update on the discussions regarding Muscatine’s situation from the State ECI Board meeting.
- XI. State ECI Directors’ Meeting** – Sherri will attend meeting on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Des Moines and will share items discussed at April Board meeting.
- XII. Healthy Wealthy Wise Community Fair** – Sherri considering having a booth at this Fair in Monticello on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- XIII. ECI Director Evaluation** – Evaluation sent to Board members for feedback. Evaluation will be completed by Board Chairperson Kandi Behnke and reviewed with Sherri.
- XIV. By-Law Review** – Annual Review of By-Laws will occur at April Board meeting.
- XV. Succession Plan Review** – to be reviewed at April Board meeting.

**Next Executive Committee Meeting:** May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 8:00 a.m., Skillet, Mt. Vernon

**Board Meeting:** Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 8:30 am.