



Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa

*Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 13th, 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. Board Membership** – Several individuals have expressed interest in joining the ECI Board. Applications will be presented to the Board at this month's meeting for Board approval. Applicants include Lisa Kepford, Tipton Police Department, Deb Switzer, DHS Social Worker from Tipton, Molly Sanders Crowley, a parent from Olin participating in the Home Visitation Program, and Rev. Stephen Stepp from Lowden. Sherri is also trying to recruit one more male with a child 0-5 years of age.
- II. Board Officers** – Board officer positions will need to be discussed and voted on at the May meeting. Current officers can continue in their role, as there is no term limits for leadership roles.
- III. Dolly Parton Imagination Library** – Sherri will be arranging for payment to be made to Jones County for Cedar/Jones ECI grant match to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in the amount of \$675.00. The Imagination Library is also requiring prepayment credit balance to withdraw from monthly for payment otherwise a \$25 fee per month fee will be assessed for individual monthly billing.
- IV. FY16 Funding Proposals Recommendation** – The Project Oversight Committee has met a couple of times to review and discuss proposals for FY16 funding. The committee will be prepared to make FY16 funding recommendations at the May meeting.
- V. State ECI Board Meeting** – The State Board meeting is Friday, June 5th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Decisions will be made regarding Cedar/Jones ECI Levels of Excellence and next steps for ECI Muscatine regarding a merger. Cedar/Jones ECI Board members are always welcome to listen via phone conference if interested.
- VI. Cedar County Preschool Scholarship Program** – Sherri has contacted Cedar County Extension to see if they would consider managing the Cedar County Preschool Scholarship Program for FY16. After much thought, Cedar County Extension has declined. Sherri has all sent a request for consideration to all Cedar County Consortium members. The Scholarship Application will be released with Sherri's contact information for application submittal.
- VII. FY16 Calendar Approval** – A FY16 Meeting Calendar will be presented for Board approval.

- VIII. **Employer of Record Agreement Renewal** – Renewal of the Employer of Record Agreement for FY16 with Jones County will be requested for Board approval.
- IX. **Fiscal Agent Agreement Renewal** – Renewal of the Fiscal Agent Agreement with Anamosa Community Schools for FY16 will be requested for Board approval.
- X. **ECI Director Evaluation** – A highlight of the conducted ECI Director Evaluation will be presented for Board acceptance.
- XI. **ECI Director FY16 Proposal** – A FY16 ECI Director Proposal for funding will be presented to the Board for approval.
- XII. **Misc. Meetings – Child Care Resource & Referral/Items Distribution** – Sherri attended a Regional Child Care Resource & Referral meeting hosted by Region 5. Sherri also redistributed 8 cribs to childcare providers wanting a used crib that was no longer going to be used by the now closed Rainbow Day Care Center.
- XIII. **Renew/Review Conflict of Interest Statements** –The Conflict of Interest Policy will be reviewed and Board Members will be asked to sign the statement adhering to the policy.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: June 10th, 2015, 8:00 a.m., Skillet, Mt. Vernon

Board Meeting: Friday, May 29th, 2015, 9:30 am.