



Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa

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

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

- I. **Board Membership** – Lisa Kepford from the Tipton Policy Department is interested in joining the Board. Her application will be presented for membership at the Board meeting. Sherri is also continuing to explore options for a male consumer member.
- II. **Board Officers** – Sherri has contacted Board members from Cedar County about the possibility of one of them taking on the Vice-Chairperson role. No commitment as of yet.
- III. **Dolly Parton Imagination Library** – Sherri shared an updated on financials from the Imagination Library.
- IV. **Preschool Scholarships** – No entity has been identified that is willing to contract for Preschool Scholarship Coordination services in Cedar County. The Board will need to discuss options for having the ECI Director, another individual, or another entity manage the Cedar program and possibly the Jones program as well. Sherri is questioning for consistency and simplicity purposes if the Cedar and Jones programs should be combined.
- V. **Pending FY16 Financial Requests** – There are still currently three FY16 financial requests that were tabled from last month's meeting. Sherri is not recommending Board action on these items until final FY15 carryover has been determined.
- VI. **LSI Home Visitation Update** – Sherri told the committee about discussions with LSI regarding goals for FY16, telephone service at the ACS, and working towards increasing visits completed for employees.
- VII. **Child Care Nurse Consultant Update** – Sherri shared with the committee an overview of outcomes for the CCNC's in both Cedar and Jones for FY15. The committee discussed goals for CCNC's for FY16.
- VIII. **FY16 Budget Approval** – A FY16 Cedar/Jones ECI Budget will be presented to the Board for approval.
- IX. **ECI Muscatine Update** – Under the direction of the State ECI Board, ECI Muscatine will need to submit Levels of Excellence materials by the end of December 2015 and be approved for Model status. If they are not approved for Model status, the Muscatine Board and ECI area will be dissolved. Proposals will be requested for areas to consider

providing services in Muscatine County. If Model status is obtained, no further action will need to be taken for 5 years until the next LOE materials will need to be submitted.

- X. Review Public Awareness Plan** – The Board will review the Public Awareness Plan at the Board meetings and ideas will be presented and requested to incorporate into the plan.
- XI. Review Policy/Procedure Manual** – The Cedar/Jones ECI Policy/Procedure Manual will be reviewed and necessary changes/additions will be requested for Board approval.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: TBD, Skillet, Mt. Vernon

Board Meeting: Thursday, June 18th, 2015, 8:30 a.m., Olin Consolidated School, Olin