



Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa

*Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 9th, 2014, 8:15 a.m.
The Skillet, Mt. Vernon*

Present: Kandice Behnke, Paul Frederiksen, Deb Schultz, Teri Jo Griebat, and Sherri Hunt, ECI Director.

- I. FY15 Contracts** – All contracts with the exception of the Preschool Scholarship Contracts and the I-Smile Contract have been completed and will be mailed following Chairperson Signature. The FY15 Cedar/Jones ECI Budget and State Contract have been approved.

Another meeting is being held with Trinity Muscatine Public Health to discuss the terms on the I-Smile Contract in the next week and Preschool Scholarship Contracts are being prepared with new terms of the State Child Care Assistance Program.

- II. Preschool Scholarship Program** – Reimbursement rates for Preschool Scholarships will need to be determined for FY15. The Preschool Committee will meet and make this decision and begin to review applications and establish FY15 contracts with individual preschools.

Sherri is working with programs to have them become providers under the State Child Care Assistance program. There have been some glitches and Sherri is working with programs to get those resolved. The Olin Consolidated School is choosing not to participate in the State Child Care Assistance Program.

- III. ECI Computer** – A new computer has been purchased and received. Sherri has been working to establish program files and email on the new system.
- IV. FY15 Amended Budget** – An amended budget will be presented for Board approval for FY15 reflecting actual carryover figures from FY14.
- V. Social Media Goals** – Social Media Goals need to be established for guidance to move forward.
- VI. LOE and Community Needs Assessment Plans** -- The State ECI office rejected an offer for Cedar/Jones ECI to participate in their LOE Pilot Program under a expedited timeline. The offer pushed back their deadlines by 6-8 weeks while still allowing the process to be complete early than regularly scheduled.

The Cedar/Jones ECI area will be working to submit their LOE Portfolio by the December 30th, 2014 deadline. Sherri has extensively reviewed requirements and set goals for meeting all requirements and timelines prior to the December deadline.

A Long-Range/Strategic Planning Committee will meet in August to be the steps of conducting a community needs assessment for the area.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, August 13th, 2014, the Skillet, Mt. Vernon