



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

### ***Executive Committee Meeting***

***Wednesday, August 13th, 2014, 8:00 a.m.***

***The Skillet, Mt. Vernon***

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

- I. I-Smile Program in Cedar County** – Lesley Puffer and Sherri had discussions with Rikki Hetzler, I-Smile Program Coordinator and Christy Roby-Williams from Trinity Muscatine Public Health regarding the I-Smile Program. Sherri explained that the Board would like funds directed to serve high risk children and have funds available if needed to do best practice follow up for these children. Sherri was also concerned about the number of children proposing to be served at 126 for \$6,000 and \$47.62 for a fluoride varnish and dental screen per child. The Board will need to discuss at their next meeting with options to proceed as presented or withdraw a contract offer.
  
- II. Preschool Scholarship Program** – Reimbursement rates for Preschool Scholarships will remain status quo for FY15. Preschool programs rates have increased slightly but for the majority of parents/programs, the co-pay is \$15 or less.  
  
State Child Care Assistance – Sherri is continuing to work with programs and get them to apply for and accept State Child Care Assistance. Numerous barriers have presented themselves and the Dept. of Education is rolling out standards for programs not previously being required.  
  
Head Start Reimbursement Rates – Head Start attendance at Olin has been an ongoing program. Sherri is recommending a daily reimbursement rate rather than a monthly rate that requires 85% child attendance.
  
- III. FY14 Financials/FY15 Amended Budget** – Final FY14 figures are approximately \$1,000 within projected amounts. Amendment to budget will be minor and will be presented for Board approval at this month's meeting.
  
- IV. Board Member Resignation – Kelly Banowetz** – Kelly is going back to teaching and will be no longer able to participate on the Board. Acceptance of her resignation will be requested.
  
- V. Book Drive – Distribution and Press Releases** – Sherri has been distributing books through Cedar and Jones counties to preschool programs, childcare centers, Head Start, DHS, Child Care Resource and Referral, Jones Regional Medical Center, and various other community service providers. She has also been working with the local newspapers for a news story and picture.

- VI. FY14 Annual Report/Year End Program Reports** – The FY14 Annual Report and Year End Program Reports will be reviewed for approval at this month’s Board meeting.
- VII. LOE and Community Needs Assessment Plans** -- The Cedar/Jones ECI area will be working to submit their LOE Portfolio by the December 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 to begin the steps of conducting a community needs assessment for the area.

***Next Executive Committee Meeting:***

Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 8:00 a.m., The Skillet, Mt. Vernon