



Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 10th, 2014, 8:00 a.m.

The Skillet, Mt. Vernon

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

- I. Preschool Scholarship Program** - 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. Focus has been towards all day programs including Durant CSD, Monticello CSD, Sacred Heart – Monticello, and Anamosa CSD.

Scholarship application activity has significantly increased and waiting lists will be reviewed early next week prior to the Board meeting. There has also been an issue with families not completing the application in its entirety or submitting the appropriate materials. These issues are also trying to be resolved.
- II. LSI Home Visitation Program** – Staff turnover has become an issue. Specific details of the situation at hand will be discussed at a meeting with LSI on Friday, September 12th, 2014.
- III. Programs** – All programs have received updated FY15 Program Quarterly and Financial Reports. A contract was presented for the I-Smile Program Expansion. And the next goal for Sherri will be to close out FY14 Contract Files.
- IV. Book Drive** – The drive is in its final stages and Sherri is working to complete the remaining news releases with local newspapers. A couple of boxes of books have been held back for needs that arise during the middle of the year.
- V. Jones Community Foundation Grant** – Sherri will be recommending to the Board to again submit an application to the Foundation for support of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. A 25% cash match is a grant requirement and this will also need to be discussed.
- VI. LOE and Community Needs Assessment Plans** – The Community Needs Assessment/Long Range Planning Committee met, reviewed, and discussed ways to gather information for the Community Needs Assessment. An online/hard copy survey will be extensively distributed throughout the two counties to child care centers – parents and staff, preschools – parents and staff, community partners, health care providers, school personnel, families participating in ECI programs, and Head Start programs – staff and parents.

The committee also reviewed the Statewide Indicators being collected and suggested considering data regarding Early Access participation, ethnicity changes, and primary

language spoken in the home. Sherri will see what she can gather for trend data on these indicators.

An October 23rd Board Retreat is being planning to review the results of the survey, Statewide Indicator Data, and financial analysis of early childhood support in the area. An updated Community Plan will be the result of this retreat.

The Board will need to decide if they want to hold a regular meeting in October or for go the meeting in lieu of the Board Retreat.

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, October 8th, 2014, 8:00 a.m., The Skillet, Mt. Vernon