

Johnson County Empowerment-Early Childhood Iowa Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 18 2022
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Members present: Chris Carman, Cheryl Collins, Jon Green, Rick Leyendecker, Richard Lipman, Emily O'Sherridan-Tabor, Lori Roetlin, Angel Taylor, Susan Dale Wall

Members absent: Marguerite Oetting, Joan Tephly

Staff Present: Samantha Turnbull, Laurie Nash

Guests: Christi Regan (HACAP), RaQuicha Harrington (NCJC), Andy Coghill-Behrends (NCJC)

1. Call Meeting to Order, Establish Quorum, and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes [Board Action]

Board Chair Richard Lipman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, attendance was taken, and a quorum was recognized with 7 of 11 members present (Later, Angel Taylor joined at 6:37 PM and Chris Carman joined at 7 PM). **Minutes from 6/16/22 were reviewed and Susan Dale Wall moved to approve them. Cheryl Collins seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.**

2. Public Comment: No public comment was received.

3. Director's Report

-We have received our first fund distributions from the state.

-Our annual report is due September 15.

- Much of our website has been moved to the County site: <https://johnsoncountyiowa.gov/empowerment>
Sam will receive training on how to update our pages on the county site and after that a timeline can be established for letting go of our existing domains.

-**Expense Report:** The June 2022 expense report is in the board packet.

-**Car Seats and safe sleep:** We will need to restock car seats and safe sleep items very soon.

Committee schedules:

- **Early Ed Work Group** (Joan and Cheryl board liaisons): Last Monday of the month 2:30-3:30 pm.

- **Parent Ed Work Group** (Emily board liaison): First Monday of every other month 1-2 pm.

- **Health Work Group** (Susan board liaison): Second Monday of every other month 2-3pm.

Community Collaboration: Emily and Sam handed out books at the Juneteenth event at Mercer Park.

4. 4th Quarter/End of Year Reports: These 4th Quarter/End of Year Reports were included in this month's Board Packet. Sam led a group review of the reports, noting areas of unmet goals, notable strengths and pandemic related factors. Christi Regan provided comments on the HACAP report and Andy C-B commented on the NCJC reports. Board members and Empowerment staff talked about instances of unmet goals, the extent to which the pandemic affected performance, and areas in which programs may have set overly ambitious goals.

5. Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards Membership [Board Action] Our Board discussed continuing our membership in this Association. Emily and Susan both spoke about their positive impression of the Association's work and voiced support for continued involvement. The Association contracts with a lobbyist for some targeted early childhood advocacy efforts with legislators, and pros and cons of this practice were discussed. It was noted that these lobbying efforts are funded with private donations that are separate from the annual dues paid by local boards. **Emily O'Sherridan-Tabor moved that the Johnson County Empowerment Board renew its membership in the Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards for the coming year.**

Susan Dale Wall seconded. The motion passed on a 7-2 vote (with Richard Lipman and Angel Taylor voting “Nay”).

6. FY22 Budget [Board Action] Sam reviewed details of the FY’22 Budget with final figures for revenue, expenditures and carryforward levels as of 6/30/22. Specific information was shared on Carryforward levels in funding categories of Early Childhood, School-Ready and Admin. We are under the state carryforward limits in each of these areas. **Richard Lipman moved approval of this final FY’22 Budget (as contained in the Board packet). Seconded by Rick Leyendecker. Passed unanimously.**

7. FY23 Budget/allocate carryforward [Board Action] Sam reviewed the carryforward amounts in the FY23 Budget along with a number of priority-rated applications/ unmet needs that our Board was unable to address in the spring RFP process. Lori Roetlin suggested that the Dental Health Voucher program be considered as an additional priority areas, as there is no similar service currently in place. It was noted that previous problems in usage of these vouchers related to coordination of care for low-income families/pregnant women who faced multiple barriers in making it to appointments. Laurie Nash shared that pursuing this would require going back to Public Health to see if they are interested in continuing this program for a specified dollar amount. Angel Taylor moved to add the Dental Voucher Program back into our list of priorities at a funding level of \$15,000 and proceed with a contract, pending agreement from Public Health. Seconded by Richard Lipman. **Roll-call: Aye votes- (Angel Taylor, Richard Lipman, Chris Carman, Jon Green, Lori Roetlin). Nay votes (Cheryl Collins, Emily O’Sherridan-Tabor, Rick Leyendecker, Susan Dale Wall). Motion passed 5 to 4.** While sentiment was expressed that decisions on larger spending amounts be deferred until the September meeting, the Board proceeded with smaller allocations needed to assure that Sam is able to respond to several near-term needs. **Angel Taylor moved to allocate \$4,000 for car seats and \$2,000 for Safe Sleep equipment. Emily O’Sherridan-Tabor seconded. Passed unanimously. Lori Roetlin moved to allocate \$56,000 for School-Ready Scholarships in order to respond to needs of families on the waiting list. Seconded by Angel Taylor. Passed unanimously.**

8. Nominating Committee and New Member Election [Board Action] The Board voted by Zoom Poll on:
a) second terms for Angel Taylor and Lori Roetlin.
b) a first term for TyJuan Connell representing the Business Sector.

The Board voted by Zoom Poll to seat all 3 individuals listed above.

9. Adjourn: Jon Green moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Cheryl Collins seconded. Passed unanimously.

Submitted by Board Secretary, Chris Carman

Upcoming Board Meetings: September 8, 2022