

Johnson County Empowerment-Early Childhood Iowa Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 17, 2023
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Members present: Cheryl Collins, TyJuan Connell, Richard Lipman, Marguerite Oetting (6:35pm), Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor, Lori Roetlin, Angel Taylor

Members absent:. Jon Green, Rick Leyendecker, Joan Tephly, Susan Wall

Staff Present: Samantha Turnbull

Staff Absent: Lori Nash

Guests: Niele Schaeffer, Andy Coghill-Behrends (NCJC)

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

Board Chair Angel Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Attendance was taken, and a quorum was recognized with 6 of 11 members present. **Minutes from June 15, 2023 were reviewed and Richard Lipman moved to approve them. Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.**

2. Public Comment: No Public Comment

3. Director's Report

Statewide

-HHS is conducting Service Delivery Assessment. The consumer assessment is due the end of the month.

Local

-Expenses are in packet

- 8 applications have been approved for preschool scholarships. Suggest increasing budget to be able to support more families.

- Car Seat events continue weekly and Safe Sleep events continue once per month. Due to limited storage supplies being purchased as needed. Donation was received to support the program.

Committee schedules:

- **Early Ed Work Group** (Joan and Cheryl board liaisons): Last Monday of the month 2:30-3:30 pm. Cheryl Collins shared information from Early Education Group. Mary Lukas presented the Be SMART Training from Moms Demand Action to End Gun Violence. Sam updated group regarding HHS Service Delivery Assessment, roll out of Infant Toddler Scholarships and Nov 4th Event. Next meeting Sept. 25 2:30-3:30pm

- **Parent Ed Work Group** (Emily board liaison): First Monday of every other month 1-2 pm. No Meeting

Community Collaboration:

- Childcare Wage program is underway

- 10 Infant Toddler scholarship applications received so far
- Books distributed at Johnson County Fair and NCJC Back to School Bash
- A School Readiness Summit will be held Saturday November 4th to bring together school districts, early educators and resources. Sam helping to organize.

4. 4th Quarter/End of Year Reports

Summary of reports is in board packet – see Summary page. Concern was voiced regarding pay scales for Family Support

5. Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards Membership and Delegate (Board Action)

Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor moved to continue membership in the Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards. TyJuan Connell seconded. Motion passed with 5 Ayes, 1 Nay and 1 Abstention (Marguerite Oetting).

Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor volunteered to be representative for next year. Cheryl Collins volunteered to continue as representative for this year.

6. FY23 Budget (Board Action)

FY23 final budget was reviewed. Richard Lipman moved and Marguerite Oetting seconded to approve the final FY23 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

7. FY24 Budget/Allocate Carryforward (Board Action)

FY24 Budget amended with FY23 final carryforward was reviewed. Richard Lipman moved and Angel Taylor seconded to approve FY24 Budget as amended. Passed unanimously.

8. Nominating Committee and New Member Election (Board Action)

Six applicants for board positions were reviewed:

Veronica Armstrong – Early Care and Education

Kaniz Fatema – Health, Parent/Caregiver of child 0-5

Julie Reid – Business

Jackie Perkins – Faith, Parent/Caregiver of child 0-5

Angela Bertolino - Parent/Caregiver of child 0-5, Early Care and Education

Brandon Sobaski – Health, Human Services, Parent/Caregiver of child 0-5

Board voted to approve all six as new members. Orientation will be scheduled in September.

9. Adjourn: Marguerite Oetting moved to adjourn at 7:20pm. Angel Taylor seconded. Passed unanimously.

Submitted by Board Secretary, Cheryl Collins

Next Executive Committee Meeting: August 28, 2023

Upcoming Board Meetings: September 7, 2023