

Johnson County Empowerment-Early Childhood Iowa Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 15, 2023
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Members present: Cheryl Collins, TyJuan Connell, Jon Green, Rick Leyendecker, Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor, Angel Taylor, Susan Wall

Members absent: Richard Lipman, Marguerite Oetting, Lori Roetlin, Joan Tephly

Staff Present: Samantha Turnbull

Staff Absent:

Guests:

Nielie Schaeffer – Children's Navigator for the East Central Region

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 7 of 11 members present. **Minutes from May 18, 2023 were reviewed and Rick Leyendecker moved to approve them. Angel Taylor seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.**

2. Public Comment: No Public Comment

3. Director's Report

Statewide

-Sam shared the power point presentation from HHS regarding the upcoming service delivery assessment. Since merger of department into HHS, departments will be assessed for service models, delivery systems and duplication of services. There should be opportunities for feedback and input.

-Johnson County information was able to be pulled out from I2D2 family survey state report. Sam reviewed findings.

Local

-Expenses are in packet

- All FY24 contracts are written, and all are out for signatures except one

- Family Safety Clinic was held June 1; one more car seat/sleep clinic will be held the end of this month

Committee schedules:

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

Sam reported on Early Ed Group. CCRR gave program updates. Mary Lucas discussed Be Smart Training and will present at next work group meeting. Reviewed 3rd quarter reports and legislative updates. Discussed increased scholarship amounts for 3 yr olds, inclusion of QRS1-5 and IQ4K1-5 as quality measures, new county ARPA childcare initiatives, infant/toddler scholarship program, CCA incentive program and the wage enhancement program

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

Emily reported on Parent Ed group. UAY and NCJC gave program updates. JCPH is interested in doula program. Sam will connect NCJC and JCPH to facilitate collaboration. New DAISEY Form was reviewed with concerns expressed quick turnaround due dates. Housing and food insecurity concerns were discussed. Next meeting in September.

Community Collaboration:

- Programs that applied for childcare wage enhancement have received approval letter and are currently enrolling staff
- Infant Toddler scholarship program should be approved by Board of Supervisors next week
- Sam will be at Juneteenth celebration tomorrow – volunteers welcome

4. FY24 Budget (Board Action)

FY24 budget projections and updates reviewed for approval
Motion: Rick Leyendecker moved to approve budget as shared with board.
Second: Cheryl Collins seconded
Passed unanimously

5. Nominating Committee Update

Six new applications have been received. Having a QR code on fliers has been effective. Staff from centers that receive preschool scholarships will be eligible with no conflict of interest as funds support families. All six can be considered.

6. Public Comment

- Nielie Schaeffer introduced herself as Children’s Navigator for the East Central Region
- No meeting in July
- Susan Wall has resource for dentist to work with pregnant women if funding for a program becomes available

6. Adjourn: Susan Wall moved to adjourn at 7:02pm. Rick Leyendecker seconded. Passed unanimously.

Submitted by Board Secretary, Cheryl Collins

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Upcoming Board Meetings: August 17, 2023