

Partnerships 4 Families

February 19, 2016

Meeting Took Place at New Opportunities in Carroll, Iowa

Members present: Matt Heller, Chad Wittrock, Tim Jones, Diane Riggert, Teresa Ball, Keith Pedersen, Amy Carpenter, Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf

Excused: Marilyn Tilley, Katie Wheeler, Kevin Dentlinger, Dawn Rudolph,

Guest: Deb Marten, Beth Walters, Trisha Christensen, Jeanne Running, Ashleigh Wiederin

Chair, Teresa Ball called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Members introduced themselves and welcomed members and guests.

Carpenter made a motion to approve the agenda, Jones seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved.

Minutes of January 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed by the Board. Riggert moved to approve the minutes as written and Wittrock seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

AREA DIRECTORS REPORT

Levels of Excellence:

- Updating of Needs Assessment and EC Community Plan in progress
- Needs assessment survey currently available doing in conjunction with Head Start
- Participating in Public Health CHNA HIP meetings-every 5 years
- Set timeline for completion by September 2016 of the updated EC CP

Statewide Area Directors Meeting: April 6, 2016

Western Iowa Area Directors Meeting: March 17, 2016

Early Childhood Task Force meetings: March 2016 will evaluate survey results

ECI Stakeholders Steering Committee: April 7

Facebook: Continue to promote items every Tuesday or more often

Coordinated Intake: Zero referrals have come in.

Preschools:

- Will be updating the agreement in place with programs for FY17
- Currently working with preschools to disperse the ASQ and ASQ-SE

H.O.P.E.S.:

- Quarterly meeting in Jefferson on March 25th

Child Care: Guided Growth project in our area to assist programs in moving forward.

Stuart Area Child Care: Survey available, potential site plans drawn up, next community meeting is on March 31st at 6:30 at Stuart City Hall.

IPTV Ready for School: Displays of books being provided to 6 clinics in our area.

Area Director PD: Attending Google Docs training on March 21st. Paid for by State ECI Office.

Prevent Child Abuse Conference April 26 & 27.

P4F Board PD: Legislative process and child care

Lemonade for Life: March 9th, this training is meant as a next step to ACEs, all home visitation staff is planning to attend.

Day on the Hill: Early Childhood Day on the Hill is February 23. If board members would like to attend you are welcome to. Focus will be on child care.

Toddler Fest: April 16th, 10-noon at the Greene County Rec Center, if board members would like to assist please let me know.

Area Director Schedule: Possible days off to assist with grandson's child care until June.

Old Business

Insurance Update, we have received the paperwork form ICAP and bill has been paid.

Contract Reviews are completed. All programs are in compliance with contracts, major concern is funding to the end of the year. Duhrkopf will check with programs in April regarding anticipated carry forward.

Literacy Efforts 1000 Books in 2000 Days, is moving forward. We have 21 libraries including, we will focus on 18 of them. To date we have 12 that have agreed to be part of the program. Materials will be ordered and distributed with hopes that libraries can kick it off in April.

Needs Assessment has 162 responses; we will evaluate them now and again after Head Start has completed their outreach for the survey and compare the responses. Information will be share at the ECTF meeting in March.

New Business:

Indicators Updated and presented. Discussion took place regarding the decrease in number of child abuse cases. Carpenter shared that although the number of founded child abuse cases decreased statewide since 2014 due to Department of Human Services instituting Differential Response. Differential Response determines at intake which families are subject to a complete Child Protective Assessment and which families will participate in a Family Assessment. In a Family Assessment, there is no "finding" made by the Department; families are instead referred to local community service providers for assistance.

P4F will make a note on their indicator sheet regarding this change.

Funding cycle for FY17 will be the release of application and renewals on March 15th, Due May 6th and discussed at the May 20th Board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the funding cycle, Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor motion passed.

Early Childhood Day on the Hill and Legislation were discussed. Duhrkopf walked through the proposed senate file.

Child Care will be the focus at Day on the Hill; materials were shared from the ECI website with the board members.

Other business: none

Financial Report and Business

Financial Reports were shared.

Carpenter made a motion to approve the vouchers, Jones seconded the motion. All were in favor vouchers were accepted as submitted.

Next Meetings

April 15, 2016

10:30-Noon New Opportunities Room D

Wittrock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jones seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM. Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf