

Partnerships 4 Families

October 16, 2025 11:00 AM

Meeting location: New Opportunities, Inc. Carroll Room D and Via Zoom

Members present: Trevor Nunn, Amy McGinn, Dr Josh Strehle, TJ Pauley, Char Bintner, Jewel Proctor, Margee Shaffer, Tonya Weber and Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf. Excused: Linda Muhlbauer, Guest: none

Chair Nunn called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM Quorum was met.

Approval of Consent Items :

Nunn made a motion to approve the agenda, Weber seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. Shaffer made a motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2025 Pauley seconded the motion, all were in favor motion passed. Nunn made a motion to approve the financials; McGinn seconded the motion passed.

Board Member Recruitment and Terms:

A. Duhrkopf alerted the board to possible meetings of the potential Districts. She will be in contact with those willing to be part of the new districts as those meeting arise.

Discussion and Action Items:

- A. An update was provided in writing regarding the progress of the three districts P4F could potentially become a part of. D1 and D4 are moving toward districts with some counties that may not choose to participate. Currently D5 has the most resistance to the topic and will keep Greene County in limbo as to their future. Duhrkopf will continue to work toward an option for them. Although there has been no direction order from the ECI State Office on districting they are continuing to move in the direction of districts. Nunn made a motion to allow Duhrkopf to schedule and attend meetings with potential entities to begin the collaborative processes and needed discussions for the purpose of finding existing commonalities. This will enable Duhrkopf and these entities to explore the possibility of becoming an Early Childhood Iowa district as defined by the guidance of the ECI state staff and HHS leadership. Proctor seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.
- B. On October 7, 2025 P4F received a notice to terminate the HOPES contract from Greene County Medical Center Public Health. The termination will go into effect in 90 days on January 5, 2026. The board indicated their disappointment in this news. Duhrkopf has already released an RFP with Letters of Intent Due October 20th, applications due November 13th and the P4F Board meeting November 20, where a decision can be made regarding the next contractor. The board agreed that this was a viable timeline in order for families to possibly continue to receive services.
- C. The P4F Mini Grant Applications were reviewed. Duhrkopf indicated that the three-year-old programs that applied are all worthy of funding and are doing a great job in filling a need in their communities. The remaining three grants are also an appropriate need within the community. Nunn made a motion to approve the seven mini grants as listed for a total of \$30,881.00 Shaffer seconded the motion, all were in favor. Weber abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interests with the New Opportunities, Head Start grant.
- D. Duhrkopf made a request of the board to set aside \$4000.00 of Community Planning and Collaboration funding for the rebranding of HOPES to Parents as Teachers in Carroll, Audubon & Guthrie Counties. The programs have done a wonderful job of attending the training and placing their programs to align with a national affiliate. All were in favor of the request.

Discussion and Updates in P4F Early Childhood Iowa Area

- A. In September there was a change in leadership at CIJDC the fiscal agent and employer of record for P4F. Kassie Ruth in the acting Interim Director..
- B. HHS is also going through a change in leadership. Kelly Garcia has stepped down as the Director of HHS and Larry Johnson, will be taking her place.

Public Input none

Next Meetings:

Board Meeting November 13, 2025 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom

No December meeting

Board Meeting January 15, 2026 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom.

Adjournment Weber made a motion to adjourn at 11:37 Shaffer seconded the motion, meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf and Josh Strehle