

CLINTON/JACKSON EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2021

This meeting was held via Zoom due to the Covid-19 restrictions on gatherings.

Board Members Present

via role call:

Bobbi Bartels-Poll
Carlene Erikson
Gabe Gluba
David Hinds
Linda Hledik
Jack Willey
Jessica Ihns
Jim Irwin
Peggy Sellnau
Rebecca Barnes
Sarah Hogan

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Gwen Deming

Guests:

C/J ECI Board Meeting Called to Order/Roll Call: Jack Willey called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Gwen Deming conducted roll call: Members present listed.

November 23, 2020 Minutes: Gwen Deming presented the minutes from the 11/23/20 C/J ECI Board Meeting. Jim Irwin made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented; David Hinds seconded the Motion; all Ayes, Motion carried.

FY2021 Preschool Scholarships Update: The board members reviewed the 3-year-old preschool scholarships through December, 2020. To date, \$14,550 has been paid in preschool scholarships, reflecting 36 scholarships in December.

Director's Expenditure Report: Gwen Deming presented the Director's Expenditure Report for review. Jessica Ihns made a Motion to approve the expenditure report as presented; Sarah Hogan seconded the Motion; all Ayes, Motion carried. Gwen also reported the mid-year financial report was completed with the Clinton County Auditor and then submitted to Iowa Grants before the 1/15/21 deadline.

Policies & Procedures Manual: Due to a recommendation from our board insurance carrier, ICAP, an addition to Policy 2.9 under transportation was put before the board. "Employee will keep record of current driver's license and auto insurance on file" was a suggested addition by Gwen Deming. Jim Irwin made a Motion to approve the addition as stated; David Hinds seconded the Motion; all Ayes, Motion carried.

Community Plan: The C/J ECI Board discussed questions for the parent/caregiver survey that will gather input for the Community Plan. The survey will be distributed among service providers, child care centers, social media, and other places in the community.

Bright Beginnings Program: Gwen Deming announced Tera Weets from the Bright Beginnings Program reported their in-home visitation program had been conducting more visits virtually than expected and requested an additional \$3200 to continue this visitation rate through June, 2021. Jessica Ihns moved to approve the request by Bright Beginnings to fund an additional \$3200 for virtual in-home visits; Linda Hledik seconded the Motion; all Ayes, Motion carried.

Yearly Site Visits: Gwen stated the site visit schedule would be shared so that the C/J ECI Board Members could attend if they were able. She also stated the preschool site visits will be conducted later this spring.

New Business/Other: Jim Irwin reported he had been contacted by Jill Bertelsen from Bertelsen Education in Texas. She requested a meeting to talk about their business and what they could provide to child care centers. Gwen stated she would meet with her and find out what her plans are. Gwen reported the Association of ECI Boards was hosting a meeting covering lobbying and government relations for association members. She stated she would send the Zoom link for the meeting on 2/8/21.

Adjourn/ Next Meeting Date: The next C/J ECI Board Meeting will be held on February 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Gwen Deming, C/J ECI Director
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