

Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2023

Board Members Present:

Jack Willey
Linda Hledik-Zoom
Nin Flagel
Pete Duytschaever
Dan Srp
Roberta Rosheim
Sarah Hogan
Charlie Minnick
Lindsey Burken

Board Members Absent:

Gwen Deming

Staff Present:

Peggy Sellnau
Mary Kay Wirth

Guests:

Scott County Health Dept.:
Briana Boswell
Alison Struck
Jodi Jorgensen
Alicia Wagner, CCR
David Rosheim

Jack Willey called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Mary Kay Wirth conducted roll call. Members present are listed at left.

October 23, 2023 minutes: Roberta made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Nin seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

Director's Expenditure Report: Mary Kay & Peggy presented the Director's expenditure report for October 2023 for review. Linda asked about the totals on the program expenses. The staff will look at adding these. Sarah made a motion to approve the expenditure report as presented; Dan seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried. It was also noted that the 2nd Quarter State Funding has not been received. Preschool Scholarships: Peggy reported that 26 preschool scholarships have been filled. The Board had approved 30 so there are spots for more 3 year olds available.

The ECI Director's Activities were shared for October and November which lists the community involvement during this time. Mary Kay noted that at the YWCA Clinton Annual Meeting the C/J ECI was recognized for their donation that paid for the hood in the kitchen remodel. Mary Kay also announced that at the Council of Social Agencies meeting on December 14th they will be accepting donations for the Clinton County Resource Center. Drop off donations at the ECI office in DeWitt or anyone in Jackson County may drop off donations at Sacred Heart. Mary Kay will be delivering them on December 14th.

Staff from the Scott County Health Department including Briana Boswell, Alison Struck, and Jodi Jorgensen gave a presentation to the board regarding the I-Smile Program for Early Childhood in Clinton and Jackson Counties. The team is fully staffed at the current time. The ECI partnership enables I-Smile to serve more children and provide more dental education and services at centers and preschools in Clinton-Jackson counties. The staff also works with school nurses and trains them to help with the screening process. A common problem that the staff faces is the low percentage of parental consents that are returned. The Board discussed ideas for how to get more parental consent forms returned. Another issue that hinders dental care in Early Childhood is that very few dentists accept Medicaid payments in Clinton-Jackson Counties.

New Business: The ECI Stakeholder's Alliance Meeting will be held on December 5th by Zoom. Information for the meeting will be shared with Board Members.

Adjourn/Next Meeting Date: Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM. The next regular C/J ECI Board meeting will be held on January 22, 2024 at 4:00 PM in person and via Zoom at the Clinton County Satellite office in DeWitt.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Kay Wirth, Clinton/Jackson ECI Director

Any person in need of special assistance or accessibility needs should contact Mary Kay Wirth at mwirth@clintoncounty-ia.gov or call 563-659-3651.

Board President Signature Linda Hledik Date 1-30-2024