

Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board Meeting Minutes March 24, 2025

Board Members Present:

Jack Willey
Nin Flagel
Linda Hledik (Zoom)
Sarah Hogan
Lindsey Burken
Peter Duytschaever
Gwen Deming

Board Members Absent:

Dan Srp
Charlie Minnick
Roberta Rosheim

Staff Present:

Mary Kay Wirth

Guests:

Jim Irwin, Clinton Co. Supervisor
(representing Dan Srp)
Alicia Wagner, CCR & R

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

February 24, 2025 minutes: Sarah 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 presented the February 2025 Director's expenditure report and the FY25 Expenditures. Sarah made a motion to approve the expenditure reports as presented, Lindsey seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried. Preschool Scholarships: Currently have 42 slots.

Mary Kay shared director's activities. She shared 5 key accomplishments from the contract review/site visits of Bright Beginnings, Child Care Nurse Consultant, Nurse Family Partnership, New Parent Program, I-Smile, and Child Care Resource and Referral. The site visit for both Head Starts and the preschools need to be scheduled.

The Inside-I-Smile newsletter and Child Care Resource and Referral information on the BIP, mini grants, and spring conference were shared.

Mary Kay reported that she emailed state legislators and provided information about the impact that the proposed legislation could have on services in Clinton and Jackson counties.

The latest information concerning the changes to ECI was shared. Mary Kay and Sarah attended the ECI webinar that summarized the proposed changes to ECI. Handouts from the webinar were discussed. The handouts summarized the Early Childhood Continuum of Care, the organizational structure and board representation of the 7 new districts, Early Childhood Iowa Funding for (SFY26), and the 2 funding options. There will be a board member from each county. Nin Flagel will represent Jackson, and Lindsey Burken will represent Clinton. They both need to submit a board application. The District 7 board will be started soon and run in tandem with the local board. A video of the webinar will be posted on the ECI website, and there will be a spot for answers to frequently asked questions about the Early Childhood Continuum of Care

New Business/Community Input: Gwen gave a reminder to submit a story for the Dignity Project. If you are interested in attending Taking Care of Our Community contact Peggy.

Adjourn/Next Meeting Date: Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM. Sarah made a motion and Nin seconded to adjourn.

The next regular C/J ECI Board meeting will be held on **April 28, 2025**, at 4:00 PM in person and via Zoom at the Clinton County Satellite office in DeWitt. If the meeting needs to be moved to Zoom only, this will be posted.

Executive Meeting:

April 14, 2025 at 7:30 AM/ via Zoom

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 _____ Date _____