

Johnson County Empowerment-Early Childhood Iowa Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 19, 2023
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Members present: Tyjuan Connell, Jon Green, Rick Leyendecker, Richard Lipman, Marguerite Oetting (6:35pm), Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor, Angel Taylor, Susan Wall (6:54pm)

Members absent: Cheryl Collins, Lori Roetlin, Joan Tephly

Staff Present: Samantha Turnbull, Laurie Nash

Guests: Sandra Busta CART

Jess Burger GWAEA

Stephen Henkhaus JCSS

Lorri Hora CCR&R

Jana Garrelts NCJC

Rashell Amos East Central Region

Roberta Sloat JCPH

1. Call Meeting to Order, Establish Quorum, and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (Board Action)

Board Chair Angel Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, attendance was taken, and a quorum was recognized with 6 of 11 members present. **Minutes from December 1, 2022 were reviewed and Richard Lipman moved to approve them. Rick Leyendecker seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.**

2. Public Comment: Introductions were made

Stephen Henkhaus – MSW student working with Sam this semester

Roberta Sloat – Is with Johnson County Public Health and will be managing CCNC and Dental program

Rashell Amos – Works with children's mental health

3. Director's Report

Statewide Updates

- State ECI team held a What's happening zoom – well attended. Link is in packet.

- Shanell Wagler announced retirement at end of January

Local Updates

- School Ready Scholarships. Not on track to spend down budget due to many families over eligibility. Are scholarship rates keeping pace with costs? Sam will check data.

- Dec/Jan safe sleep events well attended. Family Safety Event scheduled to January 21

- Currently have 4 underspent programs

JCPH CCNC – CCNC has been hired – Deb Vandergast. Should be able to spend down now.

JCPH Dental – has not billed at all. Sam will check into raising rates based on Delta Dental. Felt increased rate should be between Medicaid and Market rate for private dentists. Concern expressed regarding translation services at private dentists.

NCJC Wrap – will address underspending in tonight's presentation

UAY Young Parent – will check budget after 1st/2nd quarter reports to see if reduction will be needed

Community Collaboration

-Social Services and Iowa City Business Partnerships working on wage supplement program for Johnson County childcare staff – hopeful program will begin soon accepting applications.

- Diaper distribution will be at Family Safety Event Sat Jan 21.
- ICCSD is pursuing universal full day preschool with LOST funds. This would impact local childcares.
- MLK Day at Children’s Museum. Sam distributed books. Well attended.
- Indicator of the Month – Sam shared rate of immunization rates of 2 year olds. Information is included in packet. Rates do not affect funding but do show program impacts due to impact of family visitation.

Committees: No meetings due to holidays

4. FY 23 Midyear Budget

Sam submitted mid-year budget to state. Underspent but have good plans in place to remedy

5. Contractor Presentations

- NCJC Jan Garrelts presented a power point on Wrap programming at NCJC. After analysis program is underspending due to fewer part time contracts this year. More families working fulltime and qualifying for other funding. Adorable pictures of cute kids receiving quality services.
- CART Sandra Busta presented power point presentation explaining services of CART including observations, training for children and staff and PBIS support. Several curriculums used were explained.

6. Passport to Early Learning incentive update and funding priorities

This is the incentive payment program for staff completing Passport to Early Learning Training passed at Dec 1, 2022 meeting. Several applications have been received including staff who have previously completed training prior to Dec.1, 2022. Consensus was this in an incentive program and only applications received after allocation of funds will be considered.

7. FY 23 Budget (Board Action)

Due to underspending additional funds are available. More funding is needed for the Passport to Learning Program and funds are available for program support. Emily O’Sheridan-Tabor moved and Richard Lipman seconded to fund the Passport to Learning Program at \$10,000. Passed unanimously. Susan Wall moved and Angel Taylor seconded to fund program support at \$4,000. Passed unanimously.

8. FY 24 RFP/Renewals Plan

Richard Lipman moved and Angel Taylor seconded to offer renewal applications to funded programs where the board is pleased with their performance. Passed unanimously. Sam will work on renewal applications.

9. Adjourn: Marguerite Oetting moved to adjourn at 7:46pm. Emily O’Sheridan-Tabor seconded. Passed unanimously.

Submitted by Board Secretary, Cheryl Collins

Upcoming Board Meetings: February 16, 2023