



## **Johnson County Empowerment/Early Childhood Iowa Board Early Education Work Group Minutes**

**Monday May 22, 2023  
2:30-3:30pm**

Present: Sam Turnbull, Mary Lukas, Allison Bettine, Jon Green, Lorri Horra, Jenny Winegarden

- 1. Introductions and program updates**
  - a.** Lori provided an update on Fall Surfacing, Infant Equipment, Child Net Certification grants for in-home providers.
  - b.** Mary Lukas discussed Be Smart training from Moms Demand Action and will present at next work group meeting.
- 2. Q3 Reports**
  - a.** Reviewed 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter reports for 4C's Workforce Development and Home Ties, ARC Supplemental Staffing, GWAEA CART, HACAP Head Start and Early Head Start, JCPH CCNC, NCJC Wrap.
- 3. School Ready Scholarship updates**
  - a.** Discussed increase of scholarship amount for 3 year olds to match 4/5 year old scholarship- \$6,000/year. Discussed inclusion of QRS 1-5 and IQ4K 1-5 as accepted quality measures for preschool programs.
- 4. Legislative updates**
  - a.** Reviewed shift of all ECI funds to Department of Health and Human Services
  - b.** Reviewed childcare related bills that passed/did not pass.
- 5. Childcare Coalition- Update**
  - a.** Discussed School Readiness Summit being planned for November 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - i.** Suggestion of Unite Iowa as a vendor or panelist (CR school district uses).
    - ii.** Moms demand action could table.
    - iii.** Info sessions on children with disabilities- ARC could assist.
    - iv.** Information about children at home grant.
- 6. County ARPA childcare initiatives- updates, feedback**
  - a.** Discussed infant/toddler scholarships and CCA incentive programs that are being developed.
  - b.** Discussed wage enhancement program

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- i. Delays have been difficult for providers.
7. Next Meetings: July 24 2:30-3:30pm

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