

BVCS EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA
3 –COUNTY BOARD MEETING AGENDA



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Iowa Statewide Initiative

Wed. February 23, 2022, 10:00 AM

Origination Site: Trinity Lutheran Church – 612 S Dewey, Odebolt. Meeting held in-person and virtually due to travel and work schedules.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION, CONCLUSION, RECOMMENDATION, EVALUATION, ACTION	ACTION
I. Introductions and Call to Order: Rhonda R – Board Chair called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Introductions were made.		
Attendees: Board Members Present: <u>Mike Bunde</u> (virtual), Crawford County; <u>Rhonda Ringgenberg</u> (Board Chair) (virtual), Buena Vista County Supervisor; <u>Mollie Scott</u> , (virtually) Sac County, Human Services; <u>Rev. David Viggers</u> , Sac County Faith (in-person); <u>Amanda Collins</u> , (virtual) Law Enforcement; <u>Tracy Terry</u> , (virtually) Buena Vista County, Health; <u>Jean Heiden</u> , (virtual) Crawford County Supervisor; <u>Chris Cleveland</u> , Buena Vista County, Education (virtually) Quorum met. <u>Annette Koster</u> , BVCS Early Childhood Iowa, Program Director. Board Members Absent: <u>Edgar Revirez</u> , Crawford County, Business; <u>Ellen Buehler</u> , Sac County, Consumer; <u>Ranell Drake</u> , Sac County Supervisor. Public Present: <u>Amy Trucke</u> , Family STEPS; <u>Kim Fineran</u> , Crawford County Home Health, Hospice & Public Health; <u>Bailey Hill</u> , Child Care Resource & Referral, Child Care Consultant; <u>Carrie Hornor</u> , Sac County Health Services, Family STEPS; <u>Danielle Knight</u> , Rosecrance Jackson Center; <u>Paulette Lingle</u> , Crawford County Home Health, Hospice & Public Health, 1 st Five Coordinator.		
II. Public Comment: No public comment		
III. Approval of Agenda	Jean H made a motion to approve the agenda with no additions, seconded by Mike B, a vote was held, no descending votes, motion carries.	Motion carries
Approval of Minutes	Chris C made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mollie S, a vote was held, not descending votes, motion carries.	Motion carries
IV. Early Childhood Iowa		
Financial Report	Annette K presented the monthly financial report. Mollie S asked if all contractors were up to date. Annette K said Sac County Health was behind two months on this report. Mollie S asked about the Business Investment and Provider Development Early Childhood funds. Annette K shared they bill monthly however the conference will be held in April and reimbursement claims historically come in later in the year. Rhonda R asked if this included all of February or part of February. Annette K thought was for part of February. Mike B made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Chris C, a vote was held, no descending votes, motion carries.	Motion carries
Request for Renewals	Collaborative Services Areas competitive grant has been released that may affect the service area coverage. The new service area will cover Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac, Carroll, Audubon, Greene and Guthrie Counties. Currently BVCS ECI contract with Crawford County Public Health & Home Care and Webster County Health Services for the Child Care Nurse Consultant and i-Smile Oral Health program. Annette K asked if the board would consider extend the current contract for 3 months. Discussion was held. Kim F explained the current grant will run through September 30 and a new contract will start Oct 1 potentially held by CCHHH&PH if awarded the grant. The Child Adolescent Health and Maternal Child Health are currently under one grant but in the new grant they could be separated. Motion made by Mollie S to amend the current contract and extend the services until Sept 30 th , Tracy T seconded the motion, a vote was held, no descending votes, all in favor.	Motion carries

Contract Monitoring	Annette K had emailed out the form she uses during her contract monitoring reviews including the following contracts: Family STEPS (Sac & Buena Vista Counties); Oral Heath (Crawford County & Buena Vista, Sac Counties); Business Investment & Provider Development. A few areas were pointed out, Annette K reported no “red flags” with any of the contracts and would recommend they all be up for renewal. The Board will proceed with a process for issuing the Request for Renewal following the final review at the March meeting.	Informational March meeting Family STEPS Crawford County. Determine RFR process.
Board Member Resignation	Tracy Terry has submitted her letter of resignation from the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Board. Her last meeting will be April 27 th . A recommendation was made, Tracy T will contract the person to see if she is interested.	Recommendation
Program Director Update	<p>The Department of Management has signed an MOU with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to move the two State Early Childhood Iowa staff to the DHS. This information was shared via a Senator, “we are not moving the board, but we are moving the tow ECI staff members to report through DHS. We plan to review this new reporting structure after 3 months and prior to any final recommendations to the legislature. The impetus for this is promoting better connectivity in the child care space as DHS is stewarding large amounts of federal dollars to be used for child care in Iowa. It does not change ECI’s mission, authorities, funding, etc.” Annette K shared that ECI was originally placed in the Department of Management as a neutral place. ECI receives funding from both DHS and the Department of Education. This may have come about with ECI receiving COVID funds for the Shared Services Program.</p> <p>Social Emotional Program is ready to be sent out to child care providers. Thank you to Mollie S for serving on the committee.</p> <p>Community Coalitions were held this month: Sac County Feb 14, Crawford County Feb 15, Buena Vista County Feb 17.</p> <p>Met with the new child care center in Schleswig in collaboration with Child Care Resource & Referral on Feb. 3rd.</p> <p>Attended the SALUD meeting in Buena Vista County on Feb. 4th.</p> <p>Attended the Iowa Women’s Foundation on Feb 7th</p> <p>Site reviews were held on: Buena Vista Family STEPS 2-9-2022, Sac County Family STEPS 2-10-2022, Webster County Oral Health 2-11-2022, Mid-Sioux Opportunity 2-15-2022, Child Care Nurse Consultant on 2-16-2022.</p> <p>Western Iowa Early Childhood Iowa Regional meeting on 2-22-2022.</p> <p>Prevent Child Abuse Iowa promotional materials picked up in Des Moines on 2-15-2022, waiting for yard signs and stick pins.</p>	Informational
V. Sharing	Annette K reported she will be working to set up a meeting for the child care solutions group in Storm Lake. She will also be working with CCR&R Rebecca Hungate to start child care conversations in Crawford and Sac Counties.	
VI. Adjournment	Jean H made a motion to adjourn the meetings, seconded by Tracy T, a vote was held, all in favor. Meeting ended at 11:30	
Minutes respectfully submitted by Annette Koster Approval: Based on board consensus, the minutes of the above stated meeting. Minutes hereby approved as presented.		Date Approved: 3.30.2022