

BVCS EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA
3 –COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 2022 | 10:00 AM



A partner in the Early Childhood
Iowa Statewide Initiative

Origination Site: Trinity Lutheran Church (in person) – 612 S Dewey, Odebolt or you may join by Zoom

TOPIC	DISCUSSION, CONCLUSION, RECOMMENDATION, EVALUATION, ACTION	ACTION
Virtual meeting option offered due to COVID-19 precautions, travel, and work schedules of Board Members.		
I. Introductions and Call to Order:	Rhonda R. Board Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Introductions were made.	
Board Member Attendance (checked box equals in attendance):		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Ringgenberg, BV Co. Supervisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Heiden, Craw Co. Supervisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ranell Drake, Sac Co. Supervisor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Cleveland, Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Bunde, Early Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rev. David Viggers, Faith
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Business (Buena Vista County)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Aldag, Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Drey, Health (Mental)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mollie Scott, Human Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Collins, Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annette Koster, Program Director
Other Attendees:	Kim Fineran, Crawford County Home Health, Hospice & Public Health (CCHHH&PH); Bailey Landsbury, Sac County Health Services; Amy Trucke, Family STEPS; Carrie Hornor, Sac County Health – Family STEPS; Cindy Partlow Webster County Health Dept: Jennifer Macke, CCHHH&PH, Oral Health; Rachel Charlox, Children Health Specialties Clinic; Tiffany Blair, Dawn Badker and Bailey Hill, Child Care Resource & Referral; Sam Corin Buean Vista County, Family STEPS;	
II. Public Comment:		
III. Approval of Agenda	Mollie S. made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Chris C. a vote was held, no dissenting votes, all in favor.	Motion Carries
Approval of Minutes	Ranell D. made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mike B. a vote was held, no dissenting votes, all in favor.	Motion Carries
IV. Early Childhood Iowa		
Financial Report	The May and June Financial reports were presented to the Board by Annette Koster. With estimated projected funding the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa area should be under the 20% allowable funding for carry forward funds. Mike B. made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, seconded by Chris C. a vote was held, no dissenting votes, all in favor.	Motion Carries
Board Membership	Melissa Drey has applied to join the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa 3-County Board. Annette K. read the application. Mollie S. a motion was made to approve Melissa to the Board, Chris C. seconded the motion. A vote was held, no dissenting votes, all in favor.	Motion Carries
Board Membership Term Renewals	Board Membership terms that are due to expire are Chris C., Amanda C., and Rev. David V. The Board members were asked if they would like to renew and serve another term on the Board, all three will remain on the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Board.	
Election of Officers	Vice Chair Jean H will elevate to Board Chair. Nominations were open for the Vice Chair position. Ranell D. made a motion to nominate Mike B, Mollie S seconded the nomination. A vote was held, no d dissenting votes, all in favor.	Motion Carries
	Nominations were open to fill the Financial Officer position currently served by Mollie S. Mike B made a motion that Mollie S. remain in the position. Annette K. checked the by-Laws, this officer position can hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms. Ranell D. seconded the motion. A vote was held, no dissenting votes, all in favor.	Motion Carries

Update Family STEPS Program	Julie S. was present to provide an update related to a recently terminated Family STEPS Worker from Buena Vista County. Termination was related to gross misconduct in repeatedly not following agency policy. Upon receipt of files discrepancies were found. Julie S provided the Board with details, concerns and the process they are taking to correct the issue.	Informational
Credential Update	Julie S., Bailey L. and Kim F. were present to provide the Board with an update in the Family Support Re-Credential process for Family STEPS to maintain the Iowa Family Support Credential. Family STEPS was working with Leighann and Risa (Iowa Family Support Technical Assistance Network). Leighann left in May. Challenges: revised standards and added bullets, changes at the state level methodology, and staffing challenges. A letter has been drafted to request a six-month extension. Without the extension the review will be in July. Family STEPS will keep Annette K informed.	Informational Jean H. left the meeting at 10:30 am Quorum still met.
IQ4K System Presentation	Dawn B. and Tiffany B. from Child Care Resource and Referral provided a presentation on Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K). IQ4K has replaced the current Quality Rating System. IQ4K builds on the quality in early care and education environment. Annette K. shared that the Preschool Scholarship Program will accept a QRS level 3 or above or with IQ4K a level 1 to follow the ECI Performance Measures.	Informational
Program Director Update	<p>Annette K. provided an update to the Board. Tool LL working on a new update, Legislation working on the early care board membership language 256 5.6 not a required spot. Confusion, legal representation always said could/would be a conflict.</p> <p>Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) state level will fall withing in the Adult, Child, Family Services considered part of the new department of Health & human Services (HHS) joint agency. ECI was not a part of the original conversations. Clarifications within department/bureaus Department of Management (DOM)– ECI office Memorandum is still in place as the conversations with HHS continue. ECI financially will be kept in the DOM and follow processes overall for FY 23. Looking for local examples to describe ECI and local decisions, partnerships, and collaborations.</p> <p>Governor Reynolds announced \$25 m Child Care Business Incentive Grant Program. I have heard that Ready Set Grow and Tyson are working on the grant.</p> <p>Fiscal Agent Agreement has been signed. Budget has been submitted and approved by the ECI State, Contract has been received from the ECI. Contract Amendments to Contractors are ready to be signed by the Jean H. Board Chair for FY 23.</p>	Informational
V. Sharing		
VI. Adjournment	The BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Board adjourned at 11:03 am	
Next Meeting	August 31, 2022	
Approval: Based on board consensus, the minutes of the above stated meeting. Minutes hereby approved as presented.	Date Approved:	8/31/2022