

**BVCS EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA**  
**3 –COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINTUES March 27, 2024 at 10:00 am**  
 Origination Site: Trinity Lutheran Church, Odebolt, IA, with Zoom option



A partner in the Early Childhood Iowa

TOPIC	DISCUSSION, CONCLUSION, RECOMMENDATION, EVALUATION, ACTION	ACTION
Virtual meeting option offered due to travel, work schedules, and health precautions of Board Members.		
I. Introductions and Call to Order:	Mike B called meeting to order at 10:00 am	
Board Member Attendance (checked box equals in attendance):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quorum met	<input type="checkbox"/> Quorum not met
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Ringgenberg, BV Co. Supervisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Heiden, Craw Co. Supervisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mollie Scott, Human Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dee Graettinger, Early Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Bunde, Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natalie Miller, Law Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Business (Buena Vista or Sac)	<input type="checkbox"/> Heather Aldag, Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annette Koster, Program Director, non-voting
Other Attendees:	Amy Trucke, Crawford County Community Health; Carolyn Bishop, Rolling Hills Mental Health; Bailey Piihl, Sac County Health Services.	
II. Public Comment:	No public comment.	
III. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was presented to the Board. Dee G. made a motion to approve, seconded by Mollie S. A vote was held, all in favor, no dissenting votes.	
Approval of Minutes	The Feb 28, 2024, minutes were presented. Rhonda R. made a motion to approve, seconded by Dee G. A vote was held, all in favor, no dissenting votes.	
<b>IV. Early Childhood Iowa</b>		
Financial February	Annette K. presented the February financial report. Annette pointed out that Early Childhood funding \$30.00 for TORT Liability Insurance will be moved to the School Ready TORT Liability. Allocations from the February meeting have been updated. Motion by Jean H. seconded by Mollie S. A vote was held, all in favor, no dissenting votes.	
Available Funding	An updated Budget Worksheet was shared. Unallocated funds should not have been included in the Carry Over from FY 23. Annette K. met with Mollie S. Fiscal Officer and reviewed allocation, carryover funds, and current available funds. Carry Forward estimates for unallocated funds were adjusted across the funding categories. Mollie S. made a motion to change the total amount of \$65,264.00 to \$10,596.00 as presented in the March 2024 Budget Worksheet Adjustment, seconded by Rhonda R. A vote was held, all in favor, no dissenting votes. Total Early Childhood Iowa funds for FY 24 are \$136,433.25. Total School Ready Fund for FY 24 are \$553,997.50. CIS playground from 46,000.00 to \$6,000.00; mileage to Sac County Health Services from \$400.00 to \$1,785.00; provider development to stay the same at \$1,240.00; not to fund Kindergarten ready packs and sleep safe; Kids World Insulation from \$5,000.00 to \$1,241.00; and PCA Iowa Board Books from \$495.00 to \$330.00.	
Community Plan 2025-2028	Sections 3 – 6 of the Community Plan 2025-2028 was presented to the board for approval. Board members had reviewed the plan and suggested no corrections. Rhonda R. made a motion to approve sections 3 through 6 of the Community Plan, seconded by Mollie S. A vote was held, all in favor, no dissenting votes.	
FY 25 Request for Proposal	Letters of Intent were shared with the Board. Mid-Sioux Opportunity Inc. for Business Investment Program, Crawford County Community Health for Oral Health, Crawford County Community Health for Child Care Nurse Consultant, BVCS ECI/Buena Vista County for Preschool Scholarship, Crawford County Community Health Family STEPS Lead Agency & Buena Vista County, Crawford County Community	

<p>Family STEPS</p>	<p>Health Family STEPS, Sac County Health Services Family STEPS, Lutheran Service sin Iowa Early Childhood Home Visitation, Upper Des Moines Opportunity (UDMO) K.I.D.S. In-home family support. Request for Proposals are due May 1, 2024. Discussion about the process included, executive board meet to review financial, 3-County Board will review and score. Dee G. will abstain from scoring and voting as UDMO will be submitting a proposal.</p> <p>The Family STEPS program has chosen the Healthy Families America evidence-based home-visitation model. The board provided support toward this evidence-based model. Carrie Hornor is serving six families in Buena Vista County and 17 families in Sac County. Amy Trucke is serving 17 families in Crawford County.</p> <p>Annette K. will meet with Buena Vista County to close out the program tomorrow March 28, 2024.</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>Program Director Update</p>	<p>The Early Childhood Iowa Board voted to add more service types to the ECI Statewide Performance Measures as options for Early Childhood Iowa Areas. Added Community-based supportive housing, Essential needs, and Employer incentives-public-private partnerships. Changed name and data collection from Coordinated Intake to Community partnerships for facilitated referrals, WAGES to Wage enhancements for the child care workforce,</p> <p>Family STEPS meeting to close out Buena Vista County will be held on Thursday March 28, 2024.</p> <p>The Family STEPS Program would like to recommend the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Board consider Healthy Families America as the evidence program for family support-home visitation.</p> <p>Attended a Public Meeting Public Records meeting offer by Region XII Council of Governments on March 13, 2024.</p> <p>April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Assisting in proclamations with county supervisors and distributing prevention messaging across the counties. Encourage wearing blue days on Fridays to help with the messaging of being involved in children’s lives and supportive of adults in a child’s life.</p> <p>Buena Vista County has started an Oral Health Coalition.</p> <p>Preschools are requesting Preschool Scholarship Applications for the upcoming school year.</p> <p>The City of Storm Lake held a child care meeting on March 11, 2024. The Child Market Analysis and Strategic Plan for Child Care Summary was presented and will be posted on westie.</p> <p>ISU Extension in Crawford County was awarded the Iowa Obesity Program Leveraging Activities and Partnerships to Address Obesity (Iowa LEAP) grant. The first meeting is April 9<sup>th</sup> in Denison.</p> <p>April 24, 2024, is BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Designation meeting (next Board Meeting).</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>V. Sharing</p>	<p>No sharing</p>	
<p>VI. Adjournment</p>	<p>Dee G. made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jean H. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>April 24. 2024</p>	
<p>Approval: Based on board consensus, the minutes of the above stated meeting. Minutes hereby approved as presented.</p>	<p>Date Approved:</p>	