

BVCS EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA
3 –COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINTUES Feb 24, 2025, at 8:00am
 Origination Site: Early Childhood Iowa office, with Zoom option.



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:		Introductions were made by those in attendance. Rhonda Ringgenberg called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM				
Board Member Attendance (checked box equals in attendance):				☒ Quorum met	☐ Quorum not met	☒ Annette Koster, Pro. Dir., non-voting
☒	Rhonda Ringgenberg, BV Co. Supervisor	☒	Jean Heiden, Craw Co. Supervisor	☐ Ranell Drake, Sac Co. Supervisor		
☐	Ann Osborne Health	☒	Mike Bunde, Education	☐ Vacant Faith		
☒	Natalie Miller, Business	☒	Heather Aldag, Parent	☒ Mollie Scott, Human Services		
Other Attendees:		Amy Trucke, Crawford Co. Family STEPS; Shelley Vauble, Sac County Health; Jennifer Chapman, Child Care Nurse Consultant; Carrie Hornor, Sac County Health; Micheal S., Rosecrance Jackson; Monica Neuman, Crawford County Community Health; Heather Lucht, Buena Vista County Family STEPS; Ashlea Ahrenholtz, New Opportunities, 1 st Five; Carrie Hormor, Sac Co. Family STEPS; Kim Fineran, Crawford Co. Family STEPS;				
II. Public Comment:		No public comment.				
III. Approval of Agenda		Mollie S. made a motion to approve the agenda. Jean H.. seconded the motion. A vote was held, all in favor.				Motion Carries
IV. Approval of Minutes		Mollie S. made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mike B. seconded the motion. A vote was held, all in favor.				Motion Carries
V. Early Childhood Iowa						
Financial Report		Annette K. presented to the School Ready and Early Childhood January financial report. This is based on account paid though January, there are January expenses that are not included in the report, claim submitted waiting for payment and/or a claim has not been submitted. Based on this report, over 20% are allowable for carry forward. Motion by Mike B. seconded by Jean H. a vote was held, all in favor.				Motion Carries
ECI Regionalization ~ Districts		House study bill 145; BVCS Early Childhood Iowa will be split into two districts, District 1 and District 2. In the bill Health and Human Services shall designate Early Childhood Iowa Areas by January 1, 2026. In conversation, I feel funding may be directed toward regions as early as July 1, 2025. Districts will need to have board members willing to serve on a new board and continue to serve on the BVCS ECI board until they are dissolved. Board members willing to serve in the district, include Jean H., Heather A., and Mike B. The new district will require by-laws to be in place to receive FY 26 funding. Fiscal Agent will be put out for a Request for Proposal. Suggested to keep current Employer of Record for program director, would need to be worked out with Buena Vista County.				Discussion
Carry Over Funds		Annette K. shared the projected fund for the carry-over funds. If projected correctly, School Ready and Early Childhood should be below 20%. In collecting the projected carry-over from programs two programs could use extra funds. Oral Health (School Ready) to be able to finish out the year, estimated between \$7,000 to \$8,000. Monica N. confirmed the amount needed is \$7,486.00. Oral Health is also an item that might not be funded by Early Childhood Iowa in FY				

Interest	26. Circle of Security to provide on-site consultation following the training, this would include travel and consultation time, an amount is not identified.	
	Motion by Mollie S. to increase the Oral Health contract by \$7,000.00. Seconded by Jean H. A vote was held, all in favor, motion carries. Oral Health contact will increase to \$31,982.00. Estimated School Ready carry-forward \$68,921.86.	Motion Carries
	Motion by Jean H. to earmark up to \$2,000.00 for Circle of Security for mileage and on-site consultation. Seconded by Heather A. A vote was held, all in favor. The contract will increase to \$13,352.00. Estimated Early Childhood carry-forward \$17,170.25.	Motion Carries
	The current interest for School Ready is \$3,296.44 and School Ready \$609.47. Annette K. reported in the past the interest has put BVCS ECI over the 20% carry-over. Discussion was held on possible ways to spend the interest including preschool scholarships waitlist, car seats, oral health. Amy T. shared scheduling car seat safety checks involves a lot of time. Shelley V was asked about Sac County Health Services being able to offer checks. Her response is they have car seat technicians on staff, if scheduled they could provide a car seat check. This is also available at other Public Health agencies. Storage could be an issue/having the correct car seat. Jean H. mentioned the possibility of the car seat expiring. Annette K. mentioned gift cards; the board had concerns with gift card usage. Ashlee A. mentioned hospitals may need rear-facing car seats, Saint Anthony are holding classes for expectant Moms in Denison. Ashlee also mentioned that as a former teacher she witnessed children who had never seen a dentist, 1 st five referrals one of the social stressors is there are hardly any dentist that accepts dental patients then that leads to transportation issues. Mike B. also commented on the need he saw as a school principal. This was tabled, Annette K. will research possibilities and present in April.	Tabled
FY 26 Renewals	This agenda item was tabled.	Tabled
Program Director Review	Reminder to send your review to the board chair Rhonda R. ringgenberggr@gmail.com	Evaluation
Program Director Update	Prevent Child Abuse Iowa has released a Request for Proposal (RFP). Part of the RFP is for the Early Childhood Iowa Area to write a letter of support. Community Coalitions approved Family STEPS to write for services. Mike B. made a motion to approve, seconded by Jean H., to write the letter of support.	Motion Carries
VI. Sharing		
VII. Adjournment	Consensus to adjourn at 9:00 AM	
Next Meeting	March 26, 2025, at 8:00 am	
Approval: Based on board consensus, the minutes of the above stated meeting. Minutes hereby approved as presented.		Date Approved: 3.26.2025