BVCS EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA

3 –COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINTUES August 27, 2025, at 10:00am

Origination Site: Early Childhood Iowa office, with Zoom option.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION, CONCLUSION, RECOMMENDATION, EVALUATION, ACTION	ACTION
Virtual meetings offered due to travel, work schedules, and health precautions of Board Members.		
I. Introductions and Call to Order:	Ranell Drake Board Chair meeting, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM	

Board Member Attendance (checked box equals in attendance):		☒ Quorum met	☐ Quorum not met
☒ Rhonda Ringgenberg, BV Co. Supervisor	☒ Jean Heiden, Craw Co. Supervisor	☒ Ranell Drake, Sac Co. Supervisor	☒ Annette Koster, Pro. Dir., non-voting
☒ Ann Osborne Health	☒ Mike Bunde, Education	☐ Vacant Faith	
☒ Natalie Miller, Business	☐ Heather Aldag, Parent	☒ Mollie Scott, Human Services	

Other Attendees: Kim Fineran & Amy Trucke, Crawford County Community Health; Micheal Smith Rosecrance Jackson; Monica Neuman, HICMS; Carrie Hornor, Sac County Public Health; Travis, Wellpoint.

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II. Public Comment:	No public comment.	
III. Approval of Agenda	Mike B. made a motion to approve the agenda. Ann O. seconded the motion. A vote was held, all in favor.	Motion Carries
IV. Approval of Minutes	Rhonda R. made a motion to approve the minutes. Jean H. seconded the motion. A vote was held, all in favor.	Motion Carries
V. Early Childhood Iowa		
July Financial Report	Annette K. shared the July financial report. New reporting format, that will also be uploaded to IA Grants. Rhonda R. moved to accept, Mollie S. seconded. All in favor.	Motion Carries
Board Membership	According to the Board Matrix Natalie Miller, Jean Heiden, and Heather Aldag terms were up in FY 25. They can renew and serve another term. Natalie Miller and Jean Heiden will renew. Annette K. will contact Heather A. about her intention.	Recommendation
FY 25 Annual Report	Annette K. provided the Board Matrix, Contractors Programs Report Data, and Financial Information included in the Fiscal Yeat 25 Annual Report for the Board to review. Mike B. moved to approve Annual Report, seconded by Mollie S., a vote was held, all in favor.	Motion Carries
Early Childhood – School Ready Accounts	The Board reviewed the FY 26 budget with carry forward amount from FY 25 identified following the Annual Report. The Early Childhood account will be closed out. Early Childhood and School Ready funds will all be in one account. Annette K. explained the change in “categories” Administration, Program Discretionary, Home Visitation, Community Planning & Collaboration. A motion was made by Jean H. to move funds into the Program Discretionary category. The motion was seconded by Mollie S. A vote was held, all in favor.	Motion Carries
Carry Forward – To Be Determined	Funds were listed under Provider Development ($18,524.47) in the FY 26 budget submission, as they were funds that were unallocated in FY25 with Provider Development funded in FY25.	Motion Carries

	An email was received from Liz Ernst, Early Childhood Iowa Technical Assistance Coordinator. The amount was listed as To Be Determined on the budget submission. In conversation Annette K. had asked if the program director could use a mini grant for the provider development funds. She shared a sample mini grant application and survey for Provider Development. Option1 has the program director as the manager and has a committee granting the funds. Option 2 seeks out a service provider to manage the funds. Motion by Mollie S., seconded by Rhonda R. to proceed with Option 1, Provider Development Mini Grant application. Reply to October 31, 2025 deadline.	Motion Carries
Low-Income Preschool Support Policy	Preschool Scholarship Policy was shared with the Board. The policy was developed following a change voted on by the State Early Childhood Iowa Board that includes local boards have a policy in place. Early Care and Education Scholarship some changes include: families applying for Child Care Assistance (CCA) that are at and below 160% of the Federal Poverty Level, scholarships for families at and/or below 200% of FPL, co-pays for families that are approved for CCA. Discussion was held. Change scholarships from $200.00 a month, increase to up to $2,000.00 per year based on the preschool's tuition, to qualifying families. Mollie made a motion to approve the policy, seconded by Mike B., a vote was held, all in favor.	Mollie S. left the meeting at 10:44.
Director Update	Annette K. provided a written Director Update including information about Districting, Updates to Tool O, Early Care and Education Scholarship changes, Tool G funding categories, DASIEY 2.0 Pilot, Designation Cycle, and Coalition meetings.	Informational
VI. Sharing	No sharing	
VII. Adjournment	Mike B. made a motion to adjourn a second was made by Jean H. a vote was held, all in favor. The meeting ended at 10:50	
Next Meeting	Next meeting date September 24, 2025 at 10:00 am.	
Approval: Based on board consensus, the minutes of the above stated meeting. Minutes hereby approved as presented.	Date Approved:	9.24.2025