

BVCS EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA

3 –COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINTUES **September 24, 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):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Ringgenberg, BV Co. Supervisor		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quorum met	<input type="checkbox"/> Quorum not met
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Osborne Health		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Heiden, Craw Co. Supervisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ranell Drake, Sac Co. Supervisor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natalie Miller, Business		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Bunde, Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Faith
		<input type="checkbox"/> Heather Aldag, Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mollie Scott, Human Services
Other Attendees:	Travis (Amerigroup); Monica Neuman (HCCMS)I Shelley Vauble, Sac County Public Health; Kim Fineran, Crawford County: Amy Trucke, HV; Michael Smith; Franics Parent Partner		
II. Public Comment: No public comment.			
III. Approval of Agenda	Mike B. 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	Mike B. made a motion to approve the minutes. Rhonda R seconded the motion. A vote was held, all in favor.		Motion Carries
V. Early Childhood Iowa			
August Financial Report	Mike B. made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Jean H. 2 nd A vote was held, all in favor.		Motion Carries
By-Law Review	Annette K. presented the By-Laws for an annual review, with no recommendations. Rhonda R. stated a thorough review was completed last year, and after reviewing them saw no revisions. Motion by Rhonda R. that no amendments are needed at this time. Seconded by Mike B. A vote was held, all in favor.		Motion Carries
Tool U - Update	Annette K. shared Tool U – Process for Early Childhood Iowa Area Boundary Change updated by the State Early Childhood Iowa Board, explaining this would be the process used in the event of districting. Districting is still a discussion topic by the State ECI Board. At the State Board meeting on 9.5.2025 some discussion was around the seven identified districts, held workgroup meetings, provided the Strengths – Weakness – Opportunities – Threats (SWOT analysis), South East ECI cluster moving toward districting (District 6), Process in place for ECI Areas to merge (Tool U), state level common core services. Locally improve what we currently have. Tool U is the first step; the tool was approved by the State ECI Board. The State Board will meet before their next meeting in November on this subject.		District Conversations
District 1 (D-1) includes: Lyon, Osceola, Sioux, O’Brien, Plymouth, Cherokee, Woodbury, Ida, Monona, Crawford, Carroll, Harrison.			
BVCS ECI discussion included:			
Being proactive, not being pushed into Districts, keeping documentation, speaking with other counties already in the process. Justify the needs in District 1’s various communities. Communicate a vision, develop a plan. What staff would be needed to carry out the vision/plan. Move forward with us or without us. Include Sac County in the discussion as they are currently in our ECI Area. Annette K. reported D-1 directors would like to put together an			

<p>Closing Early Childhood Account</p> <p>Provider Development</p>	<p>in-person meeting with each ECI Director and one Board member from each area. Mike B. will help. The BVCS ECI 3-County Board came to a consensus to start having conversations. Keeping the board informed of process.</p> <p>Annette K. reported the closing on the Early Childhood Account with interest (9/8/2025) was \$17,045.62. This was less than the Early Childhood Annual Report amount of \$18,755.20 a difference of \$1,709.58. Annette K. reported she has talked with Sue Lloyd at the Auditors office, a meeting scheduled with the Buena Vista Auditor office on 9/25/2025 at 9:30 am.</p> <p>Annette K. reported the Provider Development mini grants have not been released. She wants to wait until the amount identified in closing the Early Childhood account is resolved.</p> <p>Natalie M. joined at 10:30 am.</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p>
<p>VI. Sharing</p>	<p>Sac County Public Health - Decertify home health and discontinue homemaker program. Still open as Public Health, refocus on public health, questions reach out to transitioning clients. Dec. 1st will be the Medicare certification, not an easy decision.</p>	
<p>VII. Adjournment</p>	<p>Mollie S. made a motion to adjourn a second was made by Jean H. a vote was held, all in favor. The meeting ended at 10:38 am</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting date October 29, 2025, at 10:00 am.</p>	
<p>Approval: Based on board consensus, the minutes of the above stated meeting. Minutes hereby approved as presented.</p>		<p>Date Approved: 1/28/2026</p>