

BVCS EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA  
 3-COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINTUES **April 6, 2026**, 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 10:02 am		
Board Member Attendance (checked box equals in attendance):		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quorum met (5 of 8 members) <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 type="checkbox"/> Annette Koster, Pro. Dir., non-voting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Osborne Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Bunde, Education	
<input type="checkbox"/> Natalie Miller, Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Heather Aldag, Parent	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mollie Scott, Human Services	
Other Attendees:	Monica Neuman, Crawford County Community Health; Leticia Garcia, Rosecrance Jackson; Shelley Vauble, Sac County Health Services; Amy Trucke & Kalee Hansen, Crawford County Community Health, Family STEPS	
II. Public Comment:	No public comment.	
III. Approval of Agenda	Jean H. 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	Mollie S. made a motion to approve the agenda. Jean H. seconded the motion. A vote was held, all in favor.	Motion Carries
V. Early Childhood Iowa		
Financial Report	Annette K. presented the January – February financial report. Jean H. made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Mollie S. a vote was held, all in favor.	Motion Carries
Request for Renewals (RFR)	RFR’s received included: Crawford County Community Health: Family STEPS and HCCMS Oral Health; Sac County Health Services, Family STEPS; BVCS ECI on behalf of preschools, Low-Income Preschool Support. The BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Area has not received any projected allocation amounts for Fiscal Year 27 from Early Childhood Iowa. Conversation was held on tabling the RFR, contractors wanting to know about intention to fund programs. A motion was made by Jean H. seconded by Rhonda R to fund programs as presented contingent on funding received. Discussion was held on the motion, for the Program Director, Annette K. to acknowledge with a letter to contractors that there are too many unknowns at this time around funding. Jean H amended the motion to read: Permission to send a letter to parties that submitted an RFR, to enter into contracts with the statement that it will be contingent of BVCS ECI receiving funding from Early Childhood Iowa. Ann O. seconded the motion, a vote was held, all in favor.	Motion Carries
Discuss Fiscal Year 27 funding options.	No discussion was held without allocation amounts.	Discussion – not held
Executive Committee – Merging	Executive Committee met on March 10 2026. Merging discussion was held on whether it would be appropriate at this time to move toward a merger with the former Lakes Area of Osceola, Dickinson, O’Brien, Clay; Northwest Early Childhood Iowa Area (NECI) serving Lyon, Sioux, Plymouth, Cherokee and our area of a Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac. <u>Motion</u> : Request to explore and send letter to the State Early Childhood Iowa Board identifying interest in moving toward a merger with the following counties: Osceola, Dickinson, O’Brien, Clay, Lyon, Sioux, Plymouth, Cherokee, Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac with funding concerns that would not be detrimental to the current local areas. Motion by Rhonda R., seconded by Mollie S. a vote was held, all in favor.	Motion Carries

Professional Development and reallocation of funds.	Professional Development has funds remaining that were not allocated out. The application date had been extended with no significant interest/applications. Annette K. reached out the currently funded programs to see if they had a need to additional funds in FY 26. The Oral Health contract could use additional funding in the amount of \$4,133.00. Motion by Mollie S. to move funds out of Professional Development into Oral Health. Ann O. seconded the motion, A vote was held, all in favor. Annette K. will amend the contracts.	Motion Carries
FY 25 BVCS ECI Annual Report Review	Annette K. shared the FY 25 BVCS ECI Annual Report Review Completed by Amanda McKee, Liz Ernst and Justin Nicewanger. Main comment was to find a fairther representative, as this position has been vacant since Dec. 2024. Annette K. reported she has had someone who showed interest in joining the BVCS ECI Board, she has sent the application and Board Job Description.	Informational
Board Evaluation	Annette K. shared four responses were returned (50%). One area that was scored as seldom with two responses was everyone attending our meetings participated one hundred percent. The other responses scored 4's and 5's on the scale (1 never to 5 always).	Evaluation
Program Director Review	Only two have completed the review. The board felt this was not enough to provide input to the Program Director and encouraged those who had not responded to do so.	Evaluation
Program Director Update	Annette K. shared about updating Tool O, State TA Team leading work sessions to combine tools into a Policy and Procedure manual, State Board looking at the Designation process, Legislation is still being discussed.	Informational
VI. Sharing	No sharing.	
VII. Adjournment	Jean H. made a motion to adjourn, second by Mollie S. A vote was held, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.	
Next Meeting	Next meeting date April 29, 2026, at 10:00 am.	
Approval: Based on board consensus, the minutes of the above stated meeting. Minutes hereby approved as presented.		Date Approved: Draft