



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LINKING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES (Early Childhood Iowa Area) Executive Committee met on Friday, March 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Linking Families and Communities conference room at 822 Central Avenue, Suite 300, Fort Dodge.

Members present:

Clarence Siepker

Nick Thackery

Members absent:

Bob Thode

Community Members Present

Elizabeth Stanek

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Clarence Siepker at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Siepker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were required.

Operations

Ms. Stanek reviewed the minutes of the past Executive Committee meetings as a reminder of recommendations from the Executive Committee to be presented at the upcoming board meeting:

Ms. Stanek provided pricing from 3 area accounting firms for review. Pricing from additional accounting firms is expected. Ms. Stanek also provided pricing for employer or record and fiscal agent fees from Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center and reviewed LFC's current costs. Ms. Stanek provided a draft of changes to the health/medical insurance policy and reviewed possible bylaw additions to add a committee.

The group held a discussion. The committee will make the following recommendations to the board:

RECOMMENDATION 1: Authorize the Executive Committee to approve quality improvement grant applications within the budget established by the board.



RECOMMENDATION 2: Reissue the Quality Improvement Grant applications.

RECOMMENDATION 3: Issue an RFP for ECI funded services for FY27, with a focus on literacy.

RECOMMENDATION 4: Eliminate health insurance benefit.

The committee will review additional pricing received for accounting services at a future meeting with the intent that changes take place beginning July 1, 2026. No changes to the bylaws will be recommended to the board.

SEEDS

Ms. Stanek reported that she had checked references of the preferred Director candidate and they were all positive. Committee members will recommend the candidate for hire at the upcoming board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Elizabeth Stanek

NEXT MEETING:

TBD