



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LINKING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES (Early Childhood Iowa Area) Executive Committee met on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 2:15 p.m. at Linking Families and Communities conference room at 822 Central Avenue, Suite 300, Fort Dodge.

Members present:

Clarence Siepker
Nick Thackery

Bob Thode

Members absent:

None

Community Members Present

Elizabeth Stanek

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Clarence Siepker at 2:20 p.m. Quorum was met.

Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION: Mr. Thode made the motion to approve the agenda as printed with the additions mentioned.

SECOND: Mr. Thackery

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Current Budget

Ms. Stanek reviewed the current budget. She reported the two centers needs are met within current programs and a third center has several roof leaks this spring and needs assistance with roof repair. The center is in the process of getting estimates. Ms. Stanek reported that these expenses fall under the board's decision for funding from the March meeting.



MOTION: Mr. Thode made the motion to approve the budget as presented and to provide funding to assist the center with roof issues.

SECOND: Mr. Thackery

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

FY25 Budget & Program Review

Ms. Stanek presented the FY 25 ECI Allocations, program renewal application/budgets, brief history of spending for each project and a administrative budget. All programs funded in FY24 submitted applications for FY25. Committee members reviewed the materials.

The Committee put together budgets and recommends the board will contract with the following:

Program Name	Contractor	Amount
Family Foundations	Calhoun County Public Health	\$150,000.00
Preschool Tuition	Various preschools	\$40,000.00
Head Start Transportation	Your Own United Resources	\$35,000.00
Coordinated Intake	Calhoun County Public Health	\$2,730.00
Business Investment Program	Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.	\$27,033.00
Child Care Nurse Consultant	Webster County Health Department	\$17,000.00
Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health	Westphal Mental Health Consultation	\$10,000.00

MOTION: Mr. Thode made the motion to recommend the programs listed above receive contracts and that Ms. Stanek receive a 5% increase for FY25.

SECOND: Mr. Thackery

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.



MOTION: Mr. Thackery made the motion to use up to \$46,000 toward the child care project for architectural services.

SECOND: Mr. Thode

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Siepker requested that the board meeting be moved to a different date in June. Committee members reported the 5th or 6th are options Ms. Stanek will reach out to the rest of the board members to secure a date.

Adjournment

With no further business, Mr. Siepker called for a motion to adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Thode made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Mr. Thackery

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Elizabeth Stanek

NEXT MEETING:

TBD