



## BOARD MINUTES – 11/12/2021

LINKING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES (Early Childhood Iowa Area) met on Friday, November 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room of the Wells Fargo Building, Fort Dodge, IA.

### **Members present:**

Clarence Siepker  
Bob Thode  
Justin Daggett  
Kristin Teske

Scott Becker  
Tammy Varland  
Kati Swanson

### **Members absent:**

Tabitha Acree

Mark Egli

### **Community members present:**

Elizabeth Stanek

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Clarence Siepker at 11:00 a.m. Quorum was met.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Siepker asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. No changes were suggested.

**MOTION:** Mr. Becker moved to approve the agenda as presented.

**SECOND:** Ms. Varland

**Discussion:** None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Siepker asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2021 Board Meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Becker moved to approve the minutes as printed.

**SECOND:** Mr. Thode

**Discussion:** None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Board Questions**

None.

### **Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5 (j)**

**MOTION:** Mr. Becker moved to enter into closed session at 11:02 a.m.

**SECOND:** Ms. Teske

**Discussion:** None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

**MOTION:** Ms. Varland moved to adjourn closed session at 11:21 a.m.



**SECOND:** Mr. Becker

**Discussion:** None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

### **Program Discussion**

The Executive Committee reported on the decreased spending of the Family Foundations program and preschool tuition assistance due to decreased utilization. Additional resources may be needed for child care programming or to fill gaps for existing programs or help new programs to start.

### **Funding Recommendations**

Ms. Stanek shared the current budget for review. Executive Committee members shared their recommendations for funding, which include:

- Reduce the Calhoun County Public Health Contract to \$225,000 for Family Foundations Services,
- Reduce the Preschool Tuition Assistance budget to \$40,000,
- Provide \$10,000.00 for child care planning.

**MOTION:** Mr. Daggett moved to approve the recommendations of the Executive Committee as presented.

**SECOND:** Ms. Varland

**Discussion:** None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

### **Board Resignations**

Ms. Stanek reported that Mr. Egli had submitted his notice of resignation after the last board meeting. Ms. Swanson stated that she had accepted a new position, which would make it difficult to attend meetings, but would suggest contacting her replacement for a board position.

**MOTION:** Ms. Teske moved to approve the resignations of Ms. Swanson and Mr. Egli with many thanks for their service.

**SECOND:** Mr. Becker

**Discussion:** Members expressed their thanks and appreciation for the service of both members. All congratulated and wished Ms. Swanson the best of luck in her new position. A review of board positions was suggested at the next board meeting and to seek a member from a local health provider/facility.

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, Mr. Siepker asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** Ms. Daggett

**SECOND:** Ms. Varland

**Discussion:** None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

- Respectfully Submitted By: Elizabeth Stanek

**Next Meeting: Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**