



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LINKING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES (Early Childhood Iowa Area) Executive Committee met on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. at Linking Families and Communities' office.

### **Members present:**

- Paul Beneke (via phone)
- Bob Thode
- Clarence Siepker
- Kati Swanson

### **Members absent:**

- None

### **Community members present:**

- Elizabeth Stanek

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Clarence Siepker at 3:01 p.m. Quorum was met.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Thode moved to approve the agenda as printed.

**SECOND:** Ms. Swanson

**Discussion:** None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **FY21**

Ms. Stanek reviewed the current budget and provided an update of current contracts. The committee reviewed contracts that are not on target to utilize the funding allocated and any requests made to fill gaps in the program(s). Stanek reported that she met with the supervisors from each of the agencies that provide the Family Foundations program and they put together recommendations, which were presented in the written update provided to the committee. Stanek also suggested other options, including expanding the COVID Relief Bonus Program for staff at child care centers, Back to Sleep/Sleep



Sac campaign with hospitals and assisting child care expansion projects in process. The committee discussed the current contracts and suggestions for funding. The committee requested Ms. Stanek put together a budget that includes the Back to Sleep program, expansion of the COVID Bonus program and the requested budget items from the Family Foundation program, with the caveat that no funding can be utilized for gift cards.

**MOTION:** Mr. Thode moved to table the budget items.

**SECOND:** Mr. Beneke

**Discussion:** Ms. Stanek is to submit the revised budget to committee members for approval.

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

## **FY22**

Ms. Stanek presented the FY22 budget allocations, administrative budget and proposals received. She noted that the budget allocations are draft and will increase slightly as the legislature passed a 2.4% increase for the School Ready funds. The increase is the first increase since 2007 and can be directly attributed to our membership in the Association of Early Childhood Boards. The committee reviewed the budgets and proposals received.

**MOTION:** Ms. Swanson moved to recommend the budget that was developed by the committee, which includes funding the director and the following programs:

<b>Family Foundations</b> (Calhoun Co. Public Health)	<b>\$319,540.00</b>
<b>Preschool Tuition Assistance</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>
<b>Transportation</b> (YOUR HS)	<b>\$ 34,834.00</b>
<b>Business Investment Program</b> (Mid-Sioux)	<b>\$ 25,538.00</b>
<b>Professional Dev. For Child Care</b> (Mid-Sioux)	<b>\$ 7,547.00</b>
<b>Child Care Nurse Consultant</b> (Webster Co. Health Dept.)	<b>\$ 35,167.00</b>

**SECOND:** Mr. Thode

**Discussion:** The committee discussed the importance of having training available virtually to limit transportation issues for child care providers and advised that be included in the contract for services. Ms. Stanek will contact the organization to begin negotiations in advance of the board meeting.

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

## **Updated Community Plan Trend Data**



The committee members reviewed the updated data of the community plan. Ms. Stanek questioned the accuracy of the crime rate data she was able to locate, stating that she was looking for 2019 data from Uniform Crime Reports, but data sets seem to be missing. Mr. Thode suggested she contact each county's sheriff office. Ms. Stanek will reach out to local offices and update the document for the board meeting.

### **Professional Development**

Ms. Stanek requested the opportunity to apply to be in the Leadership Iowa class for the coming year. She noted that there is a non-refundable application fee of \$50 and if selected the tuition for the class will be \$2,800.

**MOTION:** Mr. Thode moved to approve the application and tuition for Leadership Iowa as professional development for Ms. Stanek

**SECOND:** Ms. Swanson

**Discussion:** None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

### **Adjournment**

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Thode

**SECOND:** Ms. Swanson

**Discussion:** None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Elizabeth Stanek

### **NEXT MEETING:**

TBD – August 2021