



BOARD MINUTES – 06/01/2023

LINKING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES (Early Childhood Iowa Area) met on Tuesday, June 1st, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. at Linking Families and Communities' Conference Room.

Members present:

Clarence Siepker
Bob Thode
Scott Becker

Pastor Nick Thackery
Justin Daggett
Kristin Teske

Members absent:

Tammy Varland

Community members present:

Elizabeth Stanek

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Clarence Siepker at 12:33 p.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. Daggett moved to approve the agenda as presented.

SECOND: Mr. Thode

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Siepker asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022 meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Thode moved to approve the minutes as printed.

SECOND: Mr. Becker

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Statements/Tax Return

Board members reviewed the 2022 Tax Return as prepared by Bowser & Richman.

MOTION: Mr. Daggett moved to approve the 2022 Tax Return as prepared by Bowser and Richman.

SECOND: Mr. Thode

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously



Director Update

Ms. Stanek provided an update to the board. See *Director Updates 6/1/23*.

Executive Committee Recommendations

Ms. Stanek reviewed the FY23 budget, noting that the Family Foundations program, Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation programs are not utilizing their contracted amounts. The Executive Committee recommended that the board approve funds for needed quality improvements for child care centers, homes and provide funding for an additional classroom at St. Edmond School (as submitted their FY24 funding application).

MOTION: Ms. Teske moved to approve the recommended F23 budget items as presented by the Executive Committee, which included up to \$35,000 for technology for child care centers.

SECOND: Mr. Thode

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously

Executive Committee members reviewed the proposed FY24 ECI Budget with the board. The committee recommends that the contract with Webster County Health Department for Child Care Nurse Consultant services be moved to a cost per visit rate to put a greater emphasis on in-person consultation and work on quality with the IQ4K rating. The following programs are recommended for funding/contracts:

Program Name	Contractor	Amount
Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC)	Webster Co. Health Dept.	\$39,785.00
Business Investment Program (BIP)	Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.	\$27,003.00
Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation	Westphal M.H.	\$57,918.00
Coordinated Intake & Referral	Calhoun Co. Public Health	\$11,460.00
Family Foundations	Calhoun Co. Public Health	\$135,500.00
Head Start Transportation	Your Own United Resources, Inc.	\$39,691.00
Preschool Tuition Assistance	Local Preschools	\$45,000.00

MOTION: Mr. Thackery moved to approve the FY24 budget and programs as presented.

SECOND: Mr. Becker

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously

Child Care Project

Ms. Stanek reported that the Fort Dodge Community School District has put the Riverside Elementary Building up for sale. The board discussed the potential building, as well as the potential of the former Becker Florist building. Ms. Stanek has requested Terry Allers walk through the Riverside building to get an idea of costs. The board will consider both spaces once more information has been provided.



Oktoberfest

Mr. Thackery reported that the committee is still working on the event, which will be held on October 7th. He noted that there will be three bands, face painting, food and beer.

Adjournment

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

MOTION: Mr. Daggett

SECOND: Ms. Teske

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

- Respectfully Submitted By: Elizabeth Stanek

Next Meeting: September 14th, 2023