



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LINKING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES (Early Childhood Iowa Area) Executive Committee met on Friday, December 2, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at Linking Families and Communities.

Members present:

Clarence Siepker

Bob Thode

Members absent:

None

Community Members Present

Elizabeth Stanek

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Clarence Siepker at 3:00 p.m. Quorum was met. The meeting was conducted by consensus as the committee currently has two members.

Board Evaluation

Committee members reviewed the compiled results of the board evaluation. Members reported that they are pleased with the direction of the board and would like to keep things as they are with adjustments made as needed. It was noted that Zoom meetings are not preferred.

Recommendation for Board: Approve the results of the board evaluation and maintain board meetings and process.

Bylaws

Current bylaws were reviewed for accuracy and suggested changes. No changes were noted.

Recommendation for Board: No changes to bylaws are recommended.



Budget Review

Ms. Stanek reviewed the budget with the members as was approved at the June 2022 Meeting.

Program Requests

Committee members reviewed the following:

- Budget reduction of the Coordinated Intake Program by Calhoun County Public Health. The program is not spending funds as previously thought and requests that their contract be reduced from \$20,601 to \$5,000 for FY23.
- Request for an increased rate for the Child Care Nurse Consultant service provided by Webster County Health Department.
- Proposal for the concept of Playful Movement classes. This would be a pilot program for young children and their parents to focus on stress-reduction, breathing, etc. in an effort to reduce anxiety, behaviors and deal with trauma.
- Proposal for Child Care Center Organization Assist Program to provide information and technical assistance for child care center directors to improve their business/operations.

Committee members held a discussion on the program/proposal requests.

Recommendation for Board: The Executive Committee recommends of the following:

- Reduction of the Calhoun County Public Health Contract for Coordinated intake for a total contract of \$5,000.
- Approve funding for Playful Movement classes as a pilot program, providing one set of classes in each county, providing approximately \$1,000 per county for classes plus travel as negotiated with the service provider.
- Approve funding for the Child Care Center Organization Assist Program in the amount of \$3,250.

Child Care Updates



Ms. Stanek reported that Linking Families and Communities had been chosen to receive the Giving Tuesday philanthropy of National Gypsum's Fort Dodge Plant. A check for \$25,000 was provided through a small ceremony on November 30. The funding is to go toward the child care project.

Ms. Stanek reported that she had begun to reach out to businesses that she had sent a letter to regarding contributing to the child care project. She had also had correspondence with UnityPoint Health about the project.

Other

Mr. Thode inquired about the possibility of having non-voting, ex-officio board members in an effort to utilize the knowledge of the community or former board members that are unable to meet the requirements of the board.

Adjournment

With no further business, there was consensus to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Elizabeth Stanek

NEXT MEETING:

TBD