



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LINKING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES (Early Childhood Iowa Area) Executive Committee met on Wednesday, June 3 2026, at 9:00 a.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 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Siepker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were required. Motion by Mr. Thackery, seconded by Mr. Thode, to approve the agenda as presented.

Early Childhood Iowa Funds

Ms. Stanek reported that she did not submit an Exception to Policy request related to retaining fiscal agency over ECI funds. She stated that she had been informed by Amanda Winslow, State ECI Lead, that an Exception to Policy would not be necessary because Linking Families and Communities is utilizing a CPA to assist with separation of duties. Ms. Stanek provided a copy of the email correspondence.

Ms. Stanek reported that three other areas are in a similar situation as Linking Families and Communities. Two of those areas are submitting Exceptions to Policy, while Linking Families and Communities and one other area are not, based on notice received from Ms. Winslow indicating that the CPA could sign the Fiscal Agent Agreement and the agreement would be approved. Ms. Winslow also indicated that any proposed changes to the State's Fiscal Agent Agreement should be submitted in track changes/redline format for consideration.

Ms. Stanek reported that she had sent the agreement to Bowser & Richman and that they are willing to sign the agreement; however, there are items within the agreement



that need to be revised for accuracy. Ms. Stanek stated that she plans to submit the recommended changes to Ms. Winslow by the end of the day.

Ms. Stanek also presented Employer of Record proposals received from Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center and Pocahontas County. She reported that she had also contacted Iowa Central Community College, the City of Fort Dodge, Community and Family Resources, and Fort Dodge Community School District. Ms. Stanek stated that she met with Fort Dodge Community School District on the 2nd and that they may be interested.

The committee reviewed the proposals received and discussed the potential benefits and considerations related to transitioning to a new employer of record. Committee members requested that Ms. Stanek obtain additional information from each interested party prior to the next meeting, including what each entity would and would not allow as part of the transition process.

FY27 Board Insurance

Ms. Stanek provided the quote from Cincinnati Insurance. She reported that she is working with Kingsgate Insurance. They reported that they are trying to get bids from other carriers and may be receiving another in the coming days. The committee will evaluate additional bids, if received, at the next meeting.

Set Next Meeting

Next meeting, Monday, June 8, 2026 at 8:00 am via Zoom.

Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Bob, second by Mr. Siepker, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Elizabeth Stanek

NEXT MEETING: TBD