



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LINKING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES (Early Childhood Iowa Area) Executive Committee met on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Linking Families and Communities via Zoom.

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 10:09 a.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.

Budget Update & FY21 Child Care Project Ideas

Ms. Stanek reviewed the School Ready and Early Childhood budgets indicating spending projections by line item/contractor. She then reviewed *IDEAS for Child Care Projects 2021* for consideration to support area child care providers. Ms. Stanek also reported that a child care center closed on February 26th in Calhoun County and there is interest by an existing center in purchasing the center. The group held a discussion.

MOTION: Mr. Beneke moved to recommend to the board the following:



- Provide up to \$30,000 to purchase the contents of the child care center in Calhoun County to assist in the reopening of the child care center.
- Provide up to \$25,000 for the child care bonus plan and include those that are re-hired in the Calhoun County center that re-opens.

SECOND: Ms. Swanson

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously

FY22 ECI Funding Application & Instructions

Ms. Stanek reviewed the funding application and instructions for those organizations that are interested in applying for Early Childhood Iowa funds. The application has been separated from the instructions to decrease the paperwork that is submitted and the instructions have been updated. If approved by the board, applications would be due by May 7th.

MOTION: Mr. Thode moved to recommend that the board approve and use the FY22 ECI Funding Application and Instructions as presented.

SECOND: Ms. Swanson

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously

Board Policies

Ms. Stanek presented and reviewed three policies with updates for consideration:

- *Examination of Public Records 2.43*
- *Executive Director Succession Policy 3.8*
- *Chapter 12 Vital Instructions*

MOTION: Mr. Thode moved to approve the policies as presented and recommend them to the board.

SECOND: Ms. Swanson

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Evaluation

Ms. Stanek presented the Executive Evaluation, reporting that only one response was received. Members discussed the process used.

MOTION: Mr. Thode moved to resend out the Executive Evaluation to board members and additional email reminders to get more input. The



Exec. Committee will plan to meet at 12:00 on March 25th to review and make a recommendation to the board.

SECOND: Ms. Swanson

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Application

Ms. Stanek presented the board member application that was received through the website. As the applicant is male, the group held a discussion regarding the ECI requirement that the board seek gender balance.

MOTION: Mr. Thode moved to recommend that the applicant not be approved at this time as the board needs to add female members to meet the ECI gender-balance requirement.

SECOND: Mr. Beneke

Discussion: The application should be kept on file, should an opening for a male board member become available.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

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

MOTION: Ms. Swanson

SECOND: Mr. Thode

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Elizabeth Stanek

NEXT MEETING:

March 25th, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.