

**Mahaska-Wapello Early Childhood IOWA
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 31st, 2017, 4:00 PM
Fremont Community Center
107 East Main Street, Fremont, Iowa 52561**



Board Members Present: Blaine Vos, Dean Cremer, Ali Wilson, Gina Buttikofer, Lynelle Diers and Shannon Hora.

Board Members Absent: Nick Maxwell and Larry Reisch.

Community Members Present: Lynn Godwin (Sieda Family Support), Joan Garrett (GPAEA), Gina Wells (CCR&R), Yvonne Baldwin-Greene (ISU Extension), Jane Matzen (American Home Finding Association), and Angela Livezey (North Mahaska CSD).

Staff Present: Pat McReynolds (Area Director).

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Blaine Vos at 4:08 PM. Quorum met (6:8).

2. Introductions: Introductions were made.

3. Approval of August 31st, 2017 Agenda: Pat McReynolds asked that the agenda item #6 be tabled until the September 14th, 2017 board meeting and item #7 be tabled until the October 26th, 2017 board meeting due to some annual data reporting still not completed by contractors and the FYE 2017 financial discussion could be lengthy. **Dean Cremer made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Ali Wilson 2nd the motion. All Board Members present approved, motion passed unanimously.**

4. Approval of July 27th, 2017 MWECI Board Meeting Minutes: **Gina Buttikofer made a motion to approve the July 27th, 2017 board meeting minutes as submitted, Dean Cremer 2nd the motion. All Board Members present approved, motion passed unanimously.**

5. MWECI Financial Business:

a. Pat McReynolds, Area Director, reviewed the July 31st, 2017 monthly financial reports as provided by the fiscal agent with the MWECI Board (payments made in July 2017 for June 2017 services - final fiscal year end payments). Board members reviewed monthly QB transactions, bank statements and bank reconciliation reports. **Lynelle Diers made a motion to approve the financial reports for July 2017, Dean Cremer 2nd the motion. All Board Members present approved, motion passed unanimously.**

b. Pat McReynolds, Area Director, reviewed the FYE 2017 Early Childhood funding and School Ready Funding annual reporting excel forms with the board. Pat noted that there are more FYE 2017 carry forward funds in both grants than originally thought, due to the board's planning for a 5% de-appropriations vs. the actual 3.5% de-appropriations received in School Ready funds. This is good news and provides some relief funds as the board anticipates probable de-appropriations of state funds this FYE 2018, as well. **Dean Cremer made a motion to approve the FYE 2017 Early Childhood funding and School Ready Funding annual reporting excel forms, reflecting the additional carry forward funds, as reported by the fiscal agent, as the final financials of the FYE 2017 annual report, Lynelle Diers 2nd the motion. All Board Members present approved, motion passed unanimously.** In reflection of the additional FYE 2017 carry forward amounts, Pat McReynolds shared that as of the end of August, the \$5000 budgeted for individual preschool scholarships has already been fully committed and there are still applications coming in that would qualify. **Lynelle Diers made a motion to utilize an additional \$5000 of the FYE 2017 carry forward funding for individual preschool scholarships, Dean Cremer 2nd the motion. All Board Members present approved, motion passed unanimously.** Additional community partner input verified community needs. Angela Livezey, North Mahaska Community School District Superintendent, shared that the district was anticipating a 6% shortage of funds. She has great concerns about language and literacy deficits reflected by incoming students and the lack of books in these homes. Lynn Godwin, Sieda PAT Program Manager, also shared that PAT families received basic need (toilet paper and soap) supplies as acknowledgment of their program participation. Families expressed extreme gratitude for these supplies, indicating how stressful just meeting basic family needs has been this year. The MWECI Board will keep these concerns in mind, should there be an adjustment in funding this winter and spring.

6. MWECI - FYE 2017 Annual Report Sections: Item tabled to the September 14th, 2017 MWECI Board meeting.

7. Community Plan and County Data Impact: Item tabled to the October 26th, 2017 MWECI Board meeting.

8. Open Forum: Community Updates and Opportunities for Input:

a. Community Events Feedback: 1) Mahaska County Sweet Corn Serenade & Craft Show / Thursday, July 27th in the city square. Norene Maxwell attended and was able to talk to many families about PAT. 2) Breastfeeding Awareness Event / Saturday, August 19th, 10am-1pm @ Bridge View Center. Yvonne Baldwin-Greene shared that she (NEST) had participated in the Breastfeeding Awareness Event. She reported that the crowd was less than usual this year which may be due to the entrance fee for families. She was able to make approximately seven (7) new contacts for the NEST program. 3) Race: The Power of an Illusion Learning Exchange, Thursday, August 24th, 2017. Pat McReynolds participated in the RPI Learning Exchange and encouraged all to participate

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in the second session being held on September 7th, 2017, 8:45am-3:45pm @ GPAEA. She said it was a very positive and valuable experience which challenges how we think about race, equity and justice.

b. Upcoming Community Events: 1) Alzheimer's Association Mini-Golf Family Fun, September 9th, 2017 @ Nature Nook Miniature Golf, 12627 River Road, Ottumwa. 2) STEAMfest, for the whole family, September 11th, 2017, 5-8pm, @ Wapello County Extension. 3) 8th Annual Deb House Deere Memorial Golf Tournament (Children's Alliance), September 16th, 2017 @ Cedar Creek Golf Course, Ottumwa. 4) Public Showing of "Resilience" documentary film, Monday, September 18th, 2017, 3:30-5:00pm, @ Bridge View Center, Ottumwa. 5) Mahaska County Recovery Rally, Tuesday, September 19th, 2017, 4:30-6pm, @ Oskaloosa Farmer's Market on the Downtown Square. 6) 3rd Annual Southeast Iowa Non-Profit summit, Thursday, September 21, 2017, 8am-4pm, @ Bridge View Center, Ottumwa. 7) Latina Festival, Saturday, September 23rd, 2017, 3-8pm, Main Street, Ottumwa. 8) Wapello County Recovery Rally, Sunday, September 14th, 2017, 1-3pm, @ Jimmy Jones Shelter House, Ottumwa. 9) The Economic Case for Investing in Early Childhood / Legislative Forum, Friday, September 29th, 2017, 10am-noon, @ Johnson County ISU Extension Bldg, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Road SE, Iowa City.

9. Agenda Items for Next Scheduled Board Meeting:

a. MWECI Board review and approval of the FYE 2017 annual report. Note meeting date and time below.

10. Adjournment: Lynelle Diers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 PM, Shannon Hora 2nd the motion. All Board Members present approved, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: Pat McReynolds, MW Early Childhood Iowa Area Director

Board Adoption Attested By: Shannon Hora, MWECI Board Secretary _____

NEXT MWECI Board Meeting: 2nd Thursday, September 14th, 2017, @ 4pm, Fremont Community Center

NEXT Advisory Committee Meeting: 3rd Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 - 9AM-11:30 AM
Great Prairie AEA, 2814 North Court, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

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