

Pending MWECI Board Adoption 12/4/13

**Mahaska-Wapello Early Childhood IOWA
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 25th, 2013 @ 3:45 PM
Eddyville Elementary School Library
702 Vance, Eddyville, Iowa**



Board Members Present: Greg Kenning, Desiree Johnson, Jan Erhardt, Tom Lazio, and Joy Prothero.

Board Members Absent: Deb Deere.

Community Members Present: Teresa Sammons, Becky Falck, Sue Wolver, Angela Livezey, Crystal DeBoef, Jessica Gituma, Any Norris Hernandez, Leann Andre, Jennifer Bowles, Heather Miller, Christina Scharck, Jill Lane, Lynn Godwin, and Jane Matzen.

Staff Present: Pat McReynolds (Area Director)

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Desiree Johnson at 3:46 PM. Quorum met (5:6).

2. Introductions: Introductions were made.

3. Approval of September 25th, 2013 Agenda: Greg Kenning noted that there was a duplication of numbered items on the agenda. Agenda items were re-numbered verbally with all those in attendance. **Greg Kenning a motion to approve the agenda with number changes, Tom Lazio 2nd the motion. All Board Members present approved, motion passed unanimously.**

4. Approval of August 28th, 2013 MWECI Board Meeting Minutes: Greg Kenning made a motion to approve the August 28th, 2013 board meeting minutes, Joy Prothero 2nd the motion. All Board Members present approved, motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of September 12th, 2013 MWECI Board Meeting Minutes: Jan Erhardt made a motion to approve the September 12th, 2013 board meeting minutes, Joy Prothero 2nd the motion. Greg Kenning abstained from approval since he had not attended the September meeting. All other Board Members present approved, motion passed.

6. North Mahaska Community School District's Summer GAP Program Presentation:

Angela Livezey, NMCS D Elementary School Principal, and Crystal DeBoef, Kindergarten teacher, provided a short presentation on the NMCS D Summer GAP Program. The program consisted of 8 days of kindergarten transition activities to provide entering kindergarteners the opportunity to experience the public school setting and kindergarten routines resulting in the first day of school being less frightening. Out of the 38 kindergartens enrolled this fall, 30 of those attended the GAP program and also had a 4 year old preschool experience. Crystal also shared that the GAP program has completed its 7th year and that the first GAP participants are now 6th graders this fall. Angela thanked to MWECI Board for providing funding for this program over the past seven years

7. MWECI Financial Business:

a/b. Pat McReynolds presented the MWECI Board with the financial statements and reports as provided by the fiscal agent for August 2013 including vouchers paid in August 2013 for July 2013 services and the August 31, 2013 bank reconciliation. **Tom Lazio made a motion to approve the August 2013 financial reports, Greg Kenning 2nd the motion. All Board Members present approved, motion passed unanimously.**

c. Mahaska County Extension Refusal of Approved Funding: Joy Prothero shared with the MWECI Board that the Mahaska County Extension Board had reviewed the MWECI funded Family Support Parent Education proposal and decided that due to the fact they are currently functioning without a REED (regional director) they did not think they could place additional work on the current Extension staff to get this program up and running at this time, and therefore are declining to accept the MWECI funds for this program. Tom Lazio and Greg Kenning expressed concerns that maybe the MWECI board was asking for too much from providers, if they are refusing funding. Pat McReynolds explained that the original proposal was to add this part-time programming to a current position, but after some reflection, Extension

decided it was too much to add on to one person and would require more than they could do and really needed enough funding to bring on another full time position. Joy suggested that the board include more thoughts about this returned funding into the RFP discussion.

d/e. Pat McReynolds shared the RFP prepared packet with the Board and community providers present. Based upon knowing that the Mahaska County Extension was refusing already approved funding, the RFP for Family Support Parent Education programming was also included in the packet. Pat lead those present through the packet and asked for questions and/or suggestions. There were a few typos corrections needed and a change in 12 months to 6 months. Time frame for programming. **Greg Kenning made a motion to approve the FYE2014 Carry Forward RFP's for School Ready Preschool Funds, Family Support Parent Education Funds and Family Support Coordinated Intake, Joy Prothero 2nd the motion. All Board Members present approved, motion passed unanimously.**

8. Area Director's Report:

a. Pat McReynolds shared highlights from the state ECI Director's meeting held 9/11/13. REDCap data reporting is now legislatively mandated for all ECI funded family support programs. REDCap training for family support programs will be offered on-line every month. REDCap will provide data to local ECI areas every 6 months. FYE2014 state Early Childhood funding must still follow the same guidelines as though it was federal funding. This includes no purchasing of food or food related items for training and cost allocation. The State Child Care Advisory Committee's priorities are increasing provider rates, increasing eligibility guidelines above 185% FPL and increasing length of eligibility from 6 months to 12 months. The state has applied for a federal grant (Race to the Top) which may provide additional funding through ECI. The state ECI Board is encouraging local boards to educate legislators for the current legislative year about the need to restore ECI funding to the 2008 level.

b. Pat provided copies of the full FYE2013 MWECI Annual Report for the Board. She briefly reviewed the highlights of the report and shared that plans are being made to compete the FYE2013 required annual audit.

c. Pat shared that she is still working on finalizing FYE14 awarded contracts and needs to get a few remaining liability insurance papers and contract addendum signatures. At this time she is still waiting for Great Prairie AEA contracts to be returned with signatures.

d. Pat shared that 39 preschool scholarships have been received. Thirteen (13) have been approved for funding. Fourteen (14) have been referred to Head Start as they are 100% FPL for income. If Head Start classrooms are full, the MWECI can pay for their preschool tuition. Seven (7) applications are still waiting for income verification paperwork. Five (5) applications were denied because they were over income (200% FPL). Five preschools currently have MWECI funded preschool families.

9. LOE Work Group Updates:

a. September 12th, 2013 Workgroup Meeting Verbal Report: Deb Scrowther and Jeff Anderson provided state ECI - TA for the LOE workgroup. Joy Prothero and Desiree Johnson shared that the LOE workgroup meeting was very helpful in clarifying the language used regarding community indicators. Plans are to submit our new community plan in December 2013, however, we can have up to June 2014 for submission. The next LOE workgroup is scheduled for October 10th, 2013, 9-11am at Great Prairie AEA. This is an open meeting work group.

10. Community Input Opportunity – FYI

a. Several MWECI Board members and community providers attended the ACE Study Adverse Childhood Experiences Training held September 13th, 2013 at the Bridgeview Center in Ottumwa. Those present shared personal views about how the day went. Becky Falck shared she was able to have a personal conversation with Dr. Anda regarding area families and our community's desire to move forward and hopefulness that this will be an area that gets state attention. Sue Henderson shared that what impacted her was the "what's wrong with you" vs. "what happened to you" approach with families. Jane Matzen found the research and outcomes stunning. Jessica Gituma hopes that conversations will continue at all levels (agencies and community). Questions raised: How do we work with high ACE parents to raise low ACE children? How do we educate the community at all levels? Are there crosswalks between ACE information and strategies that might have impact such PBIS? Tom Lazio and others expressed thoughts about moving forward as a community through local groups who have expressed continued interest.

b. Heather Miller (CCR&R) shared an update about the SEIECE Symposium. Proposals are now being accepted for workshop titles and content. The date is set for Saturday, April 12th, 2014 at IHCC Rural Health Building.

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- c. Sue Wolver, MIECHV Coordinator, shared an update on the MIECHV program. Jessica Gituma was introduced as the new hire to do home visits and community outreach. The current caseload for both Appanoose and Wapello counties is 40 children and 34 families. Sieda was awarded continued funding for this grant and are no long on a probation status.
- d. Tom Lazio reminded everyone that the Partners for Children and Families (CPPC) is moving forward with their strategic planning utilizing the Legacy Foundation grant they received. Don Broshar has been hired to facilitate the work of the PCF executive committee planning and the community meeting strategic planning day, "Future Search," scheduled for October 21, 2013, 10am-4pm.

11. Agenda Items for the October 30th, 2013 Scheduled Meeting:

- a. Monthly Financial reports
- b. Executive Director's Updates / Committee Updates
- c. LOE Work group progress
- d. ACE Follow UP

12. Adjournment: Tom Lazio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 PM, Joy Prothero 2nd the motion. All Board Members present approved, motion passed unanimously.

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

Board Adoption Attested By: Joy Prothero, MWECI Board Secretary _____

NEXT MWECI Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 30th, 2013 @ 3:45 pm

Eddyville Elementary School Library, 702 Vance, Eddyville, Iowa

NEXT LOE Workgroup Meetings: Thursday, October 10th, 2013 @ 9am-11am & October 31st, 2013 @ 9am-11am

Great Prairie AEA, 2814 North Court, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501 (Board Room)

NEXT Advisory Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 16th, 2013 - 9AM-11:00AM

Great Prairie AEA, 2814 North Court, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501 (Board Room)

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