



EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA MUSCATINE COUNTY

Board Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2023

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Host Site - United Way of Muscatine, 615 Cedar Street Suite 200, Muscatine IA 52761

Zoom Meeting Access:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9671997024>

Board Members:	Scott Dahlke, Chair (P)	Jody Young (P)
	Pastor Aleese Kenitzer, Vice Chair (P)	Mark Odell (P)
	Tasha Wall, Treasurer (P)	Eric Werling (A)
	Tony Loconsole, Secretary (P)	
Staff:	Kaitlyn Wintermeyer, Director	

1. Call meeting to order with introductions

Meeting called to order by Dahlke at 12:02. Members and guests gave introductions.

2. Review of Consent Agenda –
 - a. Review meeting agenda
 - b. Approval of June 20, 2023 minutes

Discussion and Action

Wall moved to approve the consent agenda. Loconsole second. No discussion. All in favor.

3. Financials – Current Claims - Expenditure Reports

Wall presented the financials and brought a recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve as presented, specifically noting that EC-PBIS and transportation exceeded 20% of monthly budget, as they were combined May/June billing. Kenitzer seconded the recommendation. No discussion. All in favor.

Discussion and Action

4. Appoint delegate to Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards and Advocates

Wintermeyer advised that the Association requires that the Board appoint a delegate. This person would attend the fall conference and votes on behalf of the ECIMC board. The Board may appoint the director, a board member, or other representative. The appointment may be for a specific term or may be permanent. Dahlke presented a recommendation from the Executive Committee to appoint the sitting Director as the permanent delegate to the Association. Loconsole seconded the recommendation. No discussion, all in favor.

Discussion and Action

5. Director's Report on HHS Service Delivery Alignment Process

Wintermeyer reported that she attended a listening session put on by Iowa HHS and HMA, the vendor selected by HHS to prepare recommendations on HHS service delivery. There was a lot of positive feedback on ECI from partner organizations such as Community Action and local Public Health offices. The HHS slide deck that was presented at the meeting cited assumptions by HHS that service delivery was ineffective and duplicative, but did not cite evidence for these

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assumptions. The review seems more focused on finding opportunities for regionalization and implementation of a model of top-down uniformity/reduction of local control. Online listening session registrations are full, so at this time, the available avenue for board members and stakeholders to provide feedback is through the stakeholder survey which has not yet been released. Wintermeyer will send board members contact info for HHS and HMA staff, and will reach out to legislators and community partners to ask for a meeting to discuss the assessment process.

- 6. Open Forum - Community members and board members are welcome to speak to topics not on the agenda. The committee cannot take action on topics brought up during this time.

Wintermeyer will be out of town for a training opportunity at the time of the regular September meeting, and add a meeting date change to the August agenda. She asked board members for feedback on alternate dates. General agreement was that Monday 9/18 would work.

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- 7. Next Scheduled Meeting: **Aug 15, 2023**, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, United Way of Muscatine, 615 Cedar Street Suite 200

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- 8. Adjournment

Hearing no other requests for open forum items, Dahlke adjourned the meeting at 12:22 PM.

Action Item