



# EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA MUSCATINE COUNTY

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## Board Minutes

Tuesday, May 17th, 2021, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

<b>Board Members &amp; Staff:</b> P = Present    A = Absent    E = Excused		<b>Meeting:</b> Board Meeting
<b>Chair:</b> Scott Dahlke P	Jody Young P	<b>Location:</b> Zoom, Virtual Meeting
<b>Vice Chair:</b> PR Aleese Kenitzer P	Mark Odell P	
<b>Treasurer:</b> Tasha Wall E	Jenny- WL Elementary Principal	
<b>Secretary:</b> Tony Loconsole P	Melissa Tucker- LSI	
Toni- CCNC	Director: Whitney Howell P	
	Minutes completed by Yesenia Cruz	

1. **Meeting called to order:** The meeting was called to order by Whitney Howell at 12:05 with introductions.
2. **Review of Consent Agenda-**
  - a. Approval of April 19th 2022 minutes- Motion to approve minutes by Jody - Seconded by Tony- Motion carries
  - b. Financials- Dahlke said that Tasha was out for this meeting- All was good
  - c. Motion to Approve by Aleese- seconded by Tony- motion carries
3. **Directors Update:** Whitney started by saying that Kim Warren and herself are still working on the child care wage supplement. They have a meeting set up for this Friday where they will bring business, county, and city together to figure out next steps. She said that along with ALLM Whitney and Kim Warren were invited to participate in their Strive Together Policy Convention. That is June 7th through the 10th and will be in New Orleans and will be covered by ALLM. The final budget is a little difficult because legislation is still in session. We will not have final budget numbers until legislation ends. We cannot sign contracts or submit our budget until we get our numbers from the State. The draft budget that was put together with estimated carry forward and so those are estimated numbers. We are hoping there is no delay in services, we should have enough carry forward to cover a month's services if first quarter checks are late. There was a cut in school ready and in early childhood. Conversations for the early childhood PBIS program are moving forward and a contract holder for the program has been found. It will be Iowa State Extension and Outreach in Henry County. They will be hiring 3 full time people. As we met last month- two trainings were approved- Growing up Wild will be June 25th- Grant Writing will be on June 7th at 6pm and that is a virtual meeting.
4. **Review of FY23 Directors Agreement:** Scott stated that this was discussed at the Executive Committee and the Program committee- Whitney would be receiving a raise- Since this was coming as a recommendation only a second would be needed- Tony seconded- no discussion-no opposition- Motion carries
5. **FY23 Contract Renewals and Awards:** Whitney said that since the budget draft numbers are showing a cut, that played a lot into the programming committees discussions on deciding fiscal year 23 renewals and awards. They also had a lot of conversations around funding the early childhood PBIS program and getting more bang for our buck. Part of that conversation was tough as the program committee is recommending that we no longer fund the childcare scholarships. The reasoning is the impact of our dollars and how we need to make sure we are spending our dollars where it can have the most impact. Aleese added that they also had



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conversation on retaining a line for some mini grants throughout the year. She stated that if they were to fund all programs at full ask, they would not be able to do that. Jody was asking if there were additional dollars for the childcare scholarships to be funded coming from the State? Whitney said that she had not heard of anything like that and also stated that this is really for the impact of dollars. ECIMC spent over \$46,000 on childcare scholarships and the amount of kids that benefited from that VS how many kids can benefit from the early childhood PBIS program is drastically different. That was the main part of their conversations. Aleese added that divided between the families the childcare scholarships was around \$2500 for each child. She also stated that longevity was also something that was talked about. They are thinking how can ECIMC be sustainable in offering this kind of scholarship. ECIMC's budget is so variable that there could be a time that they would not be able to provide these childcare scholarships anyways. There is conversation on asking Muscatine Charities or other county programs that can help contribute to childcare scholarships. Whitney said there are conversations so that those families don't just get thrown to the side. Tony added that he sees other community charities that may be able to run with this. Jody asked if there were talking points that they could use when they talk to community members about child care scholarships. Since this is coming as a recommendation from the executive board and program committee- Only a second is needed- there was no opposition- Motion carries

6. **Review of FY23 Draft Budget:** Whitney showed a preliminary budget- this is pending the state legislation- as we get our final numbers- some numbers could change. Whitney's contract has also been extended another year with ALLM- This was a recommendation from the executive board only a Second is needed- Second by Aleese- No discussion- No opposition- Motion carries
7. **EOR & Fiscal Agent Agreements:** Whitney stated that this agreement has been looked over by CIDC and they have signed off on it. This ended up being a little less expensive than anticipated. This is a recommendation from the Executive Committee a second is needed. Seconded by Aleese- No discussion- No opposition- Motion carries
8. **Presentation- from West Liberty Early Learning Center:** Jenny from West Liberty early learning center and elementary Principal- Their 3 year old program is no longer going to continue. They will be focusing on the 4 year old preschools. They have options for ½ days and full days. Their school board approved their program. Jody asked how many 4 year olds will they be able to service- Jenny responded that they will be able to service at least 100 children but they are anticipating around 80 children.
9. **Open Forum:**
10. **Next Scheduled Meeting:** May 17th 2022, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at TBD
11. **Adjournment:** Dahlke called the meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM