



EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA MUSCATINE COUNTY

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Oct 19th 2021 11:30-12:00

Committee Members & Staff: P = Present A = Absent E=Excused		Meeting: Executive Committee
Chair: Pr. Aleese Kenitzer P		Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Vice Chair: Tasha Wall P	Director Whitney Howell P	
Treasurer: Jerri Robison P		
Secretary: Scott Dahlke P		
	Minutes completed by Yesenia Cruz	

Called to Order: The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Kenitzer at 11:32 am with introductions

1. Review of Consent Agenda:

- a. Meeting Agenda
- b. Sept 21st 2021 Meeting Minutes:
- c. Financials- Jerri stated that 21% for the bilingual health associate. Public engagement and marketing- 57%- Aims 25%- Keep an eye on attendance issues with 3 kids that we are paying for. Howell stated the reason that the bilingual health associate was above 20% was because of staff turn around and because of turning in multiple months in- The public engagement and marketing was over because most of the outreach happens in the fall and she purchased items for the block party and halloween drive. Aleese asked if there was anything to be done to help West Liberty. Howell has been in contact with the principal at the elementary and has set up a one-on-one to see if there is anything she needs from ECIMC. Tasha motioned to approve the consent agenda- seconded by Scott- Motion carries

2. Scholarship Update: Howell stated that there were 28 preschool scholarships and 16 for child care that were approved. Number of applications is similar to last year but lower than the year before that. Past years we've had around 60 kids and budgeted for 50. Howell stated that they are anxious to see the census to see if there are less kids in the community. Not just our county, other directors have mentioned the same, some have stopped offering the applications since there are not enough kids. Transportation applications- started out the year with 6 and are down to 2- a few kids were from Head Start and then pulled out after a week. Tasha asked if the guidelines needed to be reviewed as far as how kids qualify? Howell stated it's more a lack of kids signing up.

3. Lemonade for Life Virtual Training Sponsor: Howell stated that this is a training that targets providers and anyone who works with children that have had ACEs- Trainings that could help with ACEs- there are two virtual sessions coming up- November and in January- \$200 registration fee- Howell wanted to bring up sponsoring some slots in this training if anyone wanted to attend. Howell stated that this would be most beneficial to early childhood. Jerri motioned to recommend that Whitney + 8 other spots should be sponsored with Professional Development dollars- Tasha Seconded- Motion Carried

4. Collaborative Service Areas Realignment Oct 1, 2022: How it's going to affect us- will affect our childcare nurse consultant contract- Public Health will apply, WIC will apply, etc. We don't know who would be getting the contract. Final Collaborative Service Area map was shared- Muscatine is in region 13. More updates to come.



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5. **Iowa Health & Human Services Alignment:** IDPH and DHS are combining- Not sure how this will affect us. Wont have as big of an impact- Watch for updates- This an effort to streamline and collaborate in each region.
6. **Admin Assistant Update:** Yesenia started on October 12th. All is going well.
7. **Open Forum:**
8. **Next Scheduled Meeting:** November 16th, 2021, 11:30 am Location: Zoom/ Muskie Early Learning Center
9. **Adjournment:** Tasha motioned to adjourn- Jerri seconded- Meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM