



4 COUNTIES FOR KIDS

Early Childhood Iowa Area

John Hughes, Chairperson

**4 Counties For Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Carnegie-Evans Library, Albia
January 16, 2024**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hughes at 1:00 PM

Quorum

Quorum (7/9) was established as follows:

Members present (7): Linda Demry, Debbie Miller, John Hughes, Merry Dudley, Megan Wilson, Dave Henderson, and Jared Lawrence.

Members absent (2): Todde Folkerts, Cathy Reece.

Community Partners present: Brenda Fry (Executive Director SCICAP), Janell Staats (SCICAP Fiscal); Jennifer Mitchell (Head Start); Karen Lauer (CCR&R); Dana Cockrell (Monroe Co. NEST); Erin Hall (SCICAP PAT); Alison Buckalew (AHFA); Terri Johnson, Rebecca ????? (Kid's World); Kyle Steffen, Danelle Howard (Davis Co Schools); Morgan Small (SIEDA); and Amanda Jaramillo Ayón (Mental Health Consultant).. Also Present: Jodi Maddy, 4CFK Consultant. Gaylyn Mercer, ECI Area Director.

Introductions & Public Input

Self-introductions were made around the room. Chairman Hughes called for public input on any non-agenda items. There was none.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Dave Henderson, seconded by Merry Dudley, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting Aye.

Service Provider Presentations

A lively interactive discussion arose in response to the wealth of information prepared by the 4CFK service providers in their annual presentations. The following contractors presented reports:

- Davis County Public Schools
- Kid's World
- Head Start - Transportation
- SIEDA – Appanoose & Davis Counties
- Amanda Jamarillo Ayón

The work done by these contractors is impressive and valuable, and this showed from their statistics as well as stories.

FY2025 RFP

Director Mercer reviewed the dates relevant to the RFP.

Motion by Dave Henderson, seconded by Jared Lawrence, to set April 16, 2024 as the DUE DATE for the RFP. Motion carried with all members present voting Aye.

Director's Update

Director Mercer noted that she has reached out to Carrie Selby to recruit her as the Health Representative. If she is not interested, the Director will contact Lynette Major.

Providers were particularly interested in information from the Director regarding the HHS Alignment initiative. The final report and recommendations are still outstanding, so news remains minimal. Jodi Maddy provided an update regarding consolidation/elimination of ECI/DCAT and other organizations, based on a recent email on the HHS Alignment. Director Mercer will forward this email to the Board and providers.

The ECI State rep agenda for the March 19 Community Plan visit was reviewed, as this agenda included separate meetings with service providers and the board. The special meeting on Feb 27 was noted for review of the plan.

Next Meeting / Adjournment

The next special meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 27, 2024 @ 1:00 PM at the Carnegie-Evans Library in Albia.**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16 at 1:00 PM, same location.

Motion by Dave Henderson, seconded by Jared Lawrence, to adjourn. Motion carried with all members present voting Aye. Meeting adjourned at 2:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gaylyn Mercer
ECI Area Director and 4CFK Board Secretary