



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
October 17, 2023**

Special meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hughes at 1:02 PM

Quorum

Quorum (5/9) was established as follows:

Members present (6): Linda Demry, Cathy Reece, Debbie Miller, John Hughes, Todde Folkerts and Merry Dudley.

Members absent (3): Megan Wilson, Dave Henderson, and Jared Lawrence.

Community Partners present: Brenda Fry (Executive Director SCICAP), Janell Staats (SCICAP Fiscal), Leann Andre (CCR&R), Kim Hugen (Monroe Co. NEST), Dana Cockrell (Monroe Co. NEST), Erin Hall (SCICAP PAT), Alison Fraser (Kid's World) 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 Merry Dudley, seconded by Linda Demry, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting Aye.

HOPES Contract Termination

Director Mercer shared the current status of the "Close-out Duties" per the contract obligations. All inventory has been remanded to 4CFK and will be used by PAT. The board discussed the pros and cons of retaining client data (hard copy and digital files) and concluded that it is most appropriate for HOPES to retain the files on their premises. 4CFK does not have secure data storage to comply with HIPPA access guidelines. Additionally, the organization's status is unclear long-term, due to the HHS realignment initiative. Director Mercer will note this decision to the state ECI representatives who manage digital data and have provided guidance about file retention.

Budget Proposals

Discussion ensued regarding the merits of each proposal, in light of funding already provided. Each program representative was able to speak to their request and the intended use of additional funds.

PAT – \$5,000 award

Kid's World – \$36,174 award

NEST – \$5,000 award

CCR&R Orchard Place – \$11,000 award

Amanda J. Ayón – Not awarded additional funding at this time

Motion by Linda Demry, seconded by Merry Dudley, to approve the budget awards as listed above.
Motion carried with all members present voting Aye.

Next Meeting / Adjournment

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 21 at 1:00 PM at the Carnegie-Evans Library in Albia.**

Motion by Cathy Reece, seconded by Merry Dudley, to adjourn. Motion carried with all members present voting Aye. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gaylyn Mercer
ECI Area Director and 4CFK Board Secretary