

In attendance: Angela Petsche, Don Vrotsos, Gina Blean, Dale Snyder, Ashley Weber, Pat Emerson, Abbey Degenhardt (staff)

In attendance vis conference call: Jim Guentherman, Linda Martin, Kim Glaser, Dan Huss,

Absent: Jay Wickham, Ashley Melchert, Luis Del Toro, Cindy Steffens,

Program Participants Attendance: Amy Kallaher, Tara Roddick, Kristy Fenwick, Brittany Hubanks,

The meeting was called to order by President, Angela Petsche at 12:03 p.m. – introductions took place.

Discussion of action items included:

- No recommended changes or discussions made to the November 2019 Board Minutes.
- Directors notes:
 - Solutions Tour is Feb. 6 – Abbey stated the DCEC BOD is highly encouraged to attend both sessions to show support of this event. RSVP are coming in!
- Kids Expo
 - The board discussed moving forward with Kids Expo 2020. Abbey will sign contract with Grand River Center. Abbey will contact the TH discuss possible partnership and what that might look like.
 - Resource Guides:
 - Dale & Don will schedule a meeting with Radio Dubuque to discuss possible partnership on Resource Guide
 - It would be great to get one Resource Guide in bookbags of each family. (They already receive the electronic backpack link). Great discussion on how effective it would be to get them in the hands of parents/guardians.
 - Tara & Abbey will contact Cindy Steffens to find out how many families in Dubuque County to land a specific number of guides needed and printing cost.
 - Linda Martin mentioned adding disclaimer to publication that is required for school districts.
- Family Connections Booklet Discussion – this book is made in partnership with Radio Dubuque. Radio Dubuque finds the ad space (to cover cost of printing) while DCEC is responsible for the content of book and layout. Abbey discussed how much time this would require on her end and right now with current project she does feel its beneficial. Angela also mentioned this could be a duplication of guides with the Resource Guide we already print in the fall in correspondence of Kids Expo.

There was a motion by Ashely Weber to discontinue partnership with Radio Dubuque on the Family Connections booklet with a plan that Dale & Don would meet with Radio Dubuque to discuss partnership with the Recourse Guide instead. **Second by Gina Blean.** Motion approved.

There was a motion by Don Vrotsos to approve November 2019 board minutes and to continue with plans on 2020 Kids Expo. **Second by Linda Martin.** Motion approved.

Other updates:

- Gala updates:
 - Next meeting January 24 @ 5:30pm at Keystone.
 - Sponsorship: \$30,000 of the \$38,000 budget

- Video Production – Abbey & Kristy meeting with Paul prior to 1/24 Gala meeting
- NEED silent/live auction items.
- Dick Gregory confirmed to be second emcee.
- City of Dubuque reassigned Laura Roussell in replacement of Luis Del Toro for remainder of his 3-year term (through December 2020). We will welcome her to the board next month.
- Chart of Committees – in the board packet was an updated chart of committees. If you are interested in joining a committee and are interested in learning more, please contact Abbey or Angela.
 - Kim Glaser questioned Sustainability Committee. Angela responded that this committee looks at the future of funding, carry over, expenses, fundraising, etc. Currently this information is discussed in the Exec/Finance committee. LRP committee will also take a look at this committee as well.

Program Updates:

- PAT – 2 staff done Dec. 31 ended contract with school district. 50 families on wait list. Currently working on a United Way Grant and Even Start Grant and Families First. Looking to go towards more community-based services. Service Coordination for families living at the 15th Street Apartments.
- CCRR – new home provider inquiry calls coming in. Still working with Greater Dubuque and Dream Center. Marita Theisen center is fully licensed.
- VNA – Maternal Child Health Grant will be receiving additional funding to offer more incentives for providers. Working on agency plan to for those extra dollars. Maternal Health Contractor – they are off to a great start.
- Crescent Community Health Center – open House March 30. More information to come later.
- Kim G mentioned that ECIA will receive \$3million dollars towards lead hazard control funding to be distributed.

Motion for meeting to be adjourned by Ashley Weber at 12:50pm. Second by Don Vrotsos. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: February 19, Keystone AEA at 12:00pm.