



Dubuque County Early Childhood (DCEC) Board Meeting
September 25, 2019, Keystone Area Education Agency
2310 Chaney Road, Dubuque, IA

Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Don Vrotsos, Gina Blean, Jim Guentherman, Kim Glaser, Cindy Steffens, Jay Wickham, Abbey Degenhardt (staff)

In attendance (via conference call): Dan Huss, Ashley Weber
~~Ashely Melchert, Luis Del Toro,~~

Excused: Dale Synder,

Other: Kristy, Tara, Amy, Kim

The meeting was called to order by President Angela Petsche at 12:02 p.m.

Introductions:

All action items: Aug BOD Meeting, Aug Exec/Finance Minutes, Bank Statement, September 15 BOD Special Meeting, September Grant Recommendations, Directors Report:

- Motion: Gina Blean
- Second: Jay

Grant Request: Tara shared how the dollars will be spend with grant.

- ABC Learner – 72 new spots! expansion for 40 more infants, additional two's, child-size table and chairs/furnishings, storage shelves, (0-2 years), assist with supervising, crib sheets, dramatic play/dress up/diversity, science stuff, instruments, books, blocks, (They request \$25,000 and we are granted \$7,800.)
- Home Provider – providing 4 new infant spots, - 6 seat stroller, cot sheets, art materials.
 - Carrie is ready to open

Program Updates:

- BOD Contact Info – please update your contact information
- Community Plan – Long Range Planning Committee (Jim, Kim, Angela in the past)
- ECI Strategic Plan & Needs Assessment
- Kids Expo
 - Flyers and posters distributed through community
 - DCEC is going to presented by: thoroughly throughout program
 - NEED Board Volunteers for EVENT
 - Map provided in the bags
 - No survey table
 - Immunization they need to sign up for
 - FAW for booth people
 - 10-2
 - Don at donation table
 - DCEC table
 - Abbey

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- Ashley
- Gala Updates
 - Working on sponsorships and getting Save-the-Dates out.
- Program update:
 - PAT – kids have graduated so working on filling new spots. Some families have been on waiting list for along time hard to reengaged. Partnered with multicultural center, and Clarke Nursing students to play games, pizza, 55 people, 25 families, 150 signed up, Hope to reschedule visit. Multicultural
 - PAT works with teen parents – ends Oct. 31
 - VAN Child Care Nurse Consultants – updating immunizations for kids in schools
 - Dbq Schools/PAT – may not received full funding for this program looking at transition
 - Losing 3 parent educators, affecting 50 families

Public Comment:

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The meeting was adjourned by President Petsche at 12:42 p.m. Jay, Kim,

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