

# Dubuque County Early Childhood (DCEC) Board Meeting

November 18, 2020, Zoom Meeting

2310 Chaney Road, Dubuque, IA

**Board Attendance:** Cindy Steffen, Linda Martin, Jay Wickham, Kim Glaser, Angela Petsche, Linda Martin, Laura Rousell

**Board Absent:** Beth Wilhelm, Ashley Weber, Dan Huss, Ashley Melchert, Don Vrotsos, Gina Blean, Jim Guentherman, Pat Emerson,

**12:02 pm – Call to order by Angela Petsche (quorum was not established)**

## **Discussion Items:**

### **1. DCEC Community Plan**

- Abbey shared prior to discussion of Community Plan that Don Vrotsos had reached out to her prior to meeting stating he had no concerns and approved the document. Jim, Gina, and Beth had also sent an email ahead of time stating they had no concerns with plan and are not able to attend meeting due to conflict in schedules.
- Abbey shared the plan (virtually) and walked through each category.
- Comments and concerns shared during discussion include:
  - Laura: commented on the childhood development and partnership with community and how it impacts economic growth is important to see and impressed with plan – it’s an actionable document that is useful for other organizations to see the plan
  - Kim: We have come along way making new, active partners.
  - Linda: this plan looks more comprehensive and shows we want to be part of the community collaboration and how we can support the community
  - Angela: Wow, going to take a lot of work...we will look continue to look at this more in depth and of all of these strategies and what we can do now, what other partners should be included, sub committees, what other people should be included. Abbey & Ali did a good job identifying community partners. The strategic plan also includes a work plan that goes into further detail on what and how these strategies will be addressed.
  - Cindy: since this is a community plan, how will be communicate with the community on the community plan?
    - Further discussion on communication of the Community Plan - Abbey will add a section on the communication of the Community Plan.
- The plan moving forward – Abbey will make a few edits along with the adding communication section and send to Angela. Angela will forward to board Thursday morning. Approval of Community Plan needs to be submitted to ECI by Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn at 12:42 – motion by Linda seconded by Kim**