



Dubuque County Early Childhood (DCEC) Board Meeting
August 28, 2019, Keystone Area Education Agency
2310 Chaney Road, Dubuque, IA

Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Don Vrotsos, Gina Blean, Jim Guentherman, Kim Glaser, Dale Snyder, Ashley Weber, Cindy Steffens, Abbey Degenhardt (staff)

Excused: Linda Martin, Ashley Melchert, Gina Blean,

The meeting was called to order by President Angela Petsche at 12:03 p.m.

All action items: June19 BOD Meeting Minutes, June19 Exec/Finance Meeting Minutes, Aug19 Exec/Finance Meeting Minutes, 2010 Final Budget, June Bank Statement, June Financials. Motion to approve by Ashley Weber and second by Kim Glaser.

Program Updates:

- Kids Expo: Tara provided updates for Oct. 5 event. Discussed how is DCEC gaining exposure and regotion with this years event. Large signage, emcee announcements throughout event, and free bags provided by DCEC at event.
- Spring Fling/Gala team has been meeting for April 9 event. Fact sheet was created to help when discussing with sponsors. Please notify Abbey & Don if you are planning on soliciting for event sponsorships.
- CCR&R: NICC has maintained a QRS rating of 5 for 6 years. Marita Theisen center is up and running. 2 grant request next month for 40 additional infant spots. Good things are happening with center visits; people wanting to open centers.
- PAT: kids exiting to kindergarten, remove some waiting list, new families on board, received McDonough grant which allows a family meal and boos at each visit.
- VNA – busy time of year. Working with Marita Theisen center. Offering services to staff that offers training opportunities. New VNA center is up and running.

Public Comment:

- Crescent is moving mid November across the street, will also have a pharmacy
- Over 800 new preschoolers started this year.
- ECIA – just applied for \$6m lead grant for Dubuque & Clinton Counties

The meeting was adjourned by President Petsche at 12:35 p.m.

Meetings of the DCEC Board are open to the public and adhere to Open Meetings/Records Laws. Meetings are held at locations and times reasonably accessible to the public. When necessary, reasonable special accommodations for attendance are provided. Submit any questions to (563) 588-1620.

Vision: All children in Dubuque County are healthy and successful.

Priorities of Dubuque County Early Childhood:

· Family Success Skills · Learning Readiness · Safe & Secure Relationships · Healthy Physical & Mental Development