

GoToMeeting – link was sent prior to meeting and posted on website

In attendance via conference call: Angela Petsche, Don Vrotsos, Dale Snyder, Jay Wickham, Laura Roussell, Gina Blean, Jim Guentherman, Staff (Abbey Degenhardt)

Absent: Ashley Melchert, Pat Emerson, Cindy Steffens, Ashley Weber, Linda Martin, Dan Huss, Ashley Weber, Kim Glaser

Program Participants Attendance: Tara Roddick, Stacey Killian, Amy Kallaher, Kristy Fenwick

The meeting was called to order by Angela Petsche 12:05p.m.

Discussion of action items included:

- **June BOD meeting minutes approved – Motion by Laura, 2nd by Gina**
- **National League of Cities (NLC) Contract – tabled, contract not yet finalized**

Updates:

- NLC: Updates/Draft Priorities/Steering Committee: Purpose is to strengthen our community plan. Received \$10,000 from NLC & will partner with NICC to make our strategic plan more detailed. Will hold several planning/work sessions. Please let Abbey know if you want to be a part of this steering committee.
- Auction: this is being done in place of our live event. It is up & running. It is being marketed on Facebook and through a press release. There was also an email sent to board members and sponsors with the information and direct link to the auction.
- Annual Report: Due September 15th, program information is entered and focus is now on completing the financial pieces. **Please watch your email for the final report and date of special meeting to approve.**
- CCRR Preschool Scholarships: in-person learning has resumed for all of the preschool partners. There have been less application for scholarships this year – currently have 22 children approved and 3 -5 more in process. Currently have \$77,000 still available. Children can get scholarships anytime during school year (i.e., if a 2 year old turns 3 sometime during school year, they can apply for scholarship).
- CCRR New In-Home Childcare Provider Program: Funding for this is from Board of Supervisors, goal is to have 10 new registered in-home providers. So far 20 individuals have inquired & 1 application has been submitted. The number of inquiries for providing in-home childcare has increased in comparison to previous years. Jay asked if there has been a decline in providers in Dubuque due to Covid, Tara reported that there has not.
- PAT length of stay: Recommendation from Janet Horas to consider exiting families after 4 years of service – this is a recommendation not a requirement at this time. Kristy, Amy and Abbey worked together to create procedure around this. Families in both the 3rd and 4th year of service will be evaluated using Parents as Teachers National Center list of stressors. If it is determined that a family could successfully be exited, a transition plan will be put into place. Decisions will be made on an individual basis. The goal of this is to minimize the amount of time that families are on our waitlist. Currently our wait list is at approximately 12 families; however we are receiving on average 3-4 new referrals each week.
- DCEC video – because we will not be having a live event, we are using this video as a call to action to support, donate, etc. Video link is being shared on Facebook and has also been sent via email to board members and sponsors. Please share this with other groups, individuals, etc.

New Business

- **VNA (Stacey) – Covid is still an agency priority. Kim Gonzales is working with childcare centers to provide Covid health support. Kim participated in meeting with Tara regarding the mask**

mandate. Vaccinations – seeing impact from Covid, during initial shutdown, appointments for well-care were postponed and now families are needing immunizations for childcare and school compliance. Will be pushing flu vaccine for ALL; will offer to every parent that comes in to office. VNA will be hosting adult only flu vaccine clinics. Oral Health – working on setting up screenings with childcares, unsure what this will look like with schools this year. Doing a lot of case coordination & telehealth around oral screenings especially since WIC isn't currently doing in-person visits.

- **PAT (Amy)** – Continuing with virtual visits – following state guidance on this. Offering 'Group on the Go' for families since we cannot do large in-person gatherings. These are being very well received by parents – our group numbers have increased since starting these. Obtained McDonough Grant to help with group cost again this year – allows us to open groups to more families.
- **CCRR (Tara)** – Organized meeting with Kim Gonzales, Mary Rose Corrigan, and Patricia Lambert to discuss mask mandate, also reached out to county attorney for guidance. City of Dubuque released FAQ on mask mandate – if childcare center is NOT allowing any public entry into center (including parents), then children do not have to wear a mask. CCRR recommendation to all centers is that all children 3 and up wear a mask. Also working with school district on how centers and homes can support e-learning. Will be having a training on the apps that the school district is using.
- **Clarke (Angela)** – working on figuring out if in-person or virtual learning will take place and what that might look like for the nursing program. Patricia will give update next month.
- **Other (Angela)** – did not have board elections. Executive Committee will be examining current by-laws and looking at current terms. Angela will continue to serve as chair until these details are taken care of.

Adjourn – 12:46pm, Motioned by Jay, 2nd by Laura

Next meeting on September 23rd, likely via GoToMeeting. Notes prepared by Kristy Fenwick