

**DUBUQUE COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD (DCEC) BOARD MEETING**  
 Board Meeting October 27, 2021 - Zoom & In Person at Keystone RM 3AB

Board Attendance: Sara Adams, Dan Huss (Chair), Jim Guntherman, Jay Wickham, Kim Glaser, Beth Wilhelm, Britney Loeffelholz, Laura Roussel, Rick Colpits, Lisa Tebockhorst, Abbey Degenhardt (Director)

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

**Agenda**

<b>Time:</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Presenters:</b>	<b>Type of Item:</b>
12:00 p.m.	Call to Order – <b>12:00 p.m. by Dan Huss</b>	Dan Huss, Chair	
12:01 p.m.	Welcome	Dan	Information, Discussion
12:05 p.m.	<p><b>October Meeting - Key Action Items:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. September BOD Minutes p.2</li> <li>2. September Executive/Finance Meeting Minutes p.4</li> <li>3. September Bank Statement p. 5</li> <li>4. New Board Member Application – Lisa Tebockhorst p. 7 – <b>Lisa introduced herself, she is representing DCSD</b></li> <li>5. CCRR Grant Recommendations p. – <b>Tara gave brief description; grant application is for 2 home centers to purchase materials.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Abbey reviewed action items, items 1,2,3,– open for discussion, none</b>  <b>All items approved by consensus, motioned by Jay seconded by Sarah</b></p>	Dan	Action Item
12:20 p.m.	<p><b>October Meeting - Discussion/Updates</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC) Interim Plan p.9 – <b>Stacey Killian reviewed plan for transition from Kim Gonzalez who left to work for IDPH; have hired Chelsey Hill, PNP who will start Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Laura Knabel is covering the interim. Kim will be our state contact.</b></li> <li>2. Community Impact Grant – Internship – <b>DCEC received grant allowing Abbey to hire a paid intern. The intern will assist in moving the DCEC strategic plan forward.</b></li> <li>3. Kids Expo Updates – 100 vehicles/300 guests – <b>Expo was a success, committee will be discussing possibly staying with this format next year.</b></li> <li>4. Family Resource Guide – copies available – <b>thank you Union Hoerman for helping print and distribute 10,000 copies! There are some left, let Abbey know if you would like additional copies</b></li> <li>5. Be a Healthy You in Dubuque Book – <b>Hooray the book is HERE! Every kindergartener in DCSD and Holy Family will be receiving a copy. There will be a live virtual read for Holy Family on Nov. 3, others will be scheduled. Group is now working on a 'Healthy You in School' book to address attendance.</b></li> <li>6. CCRR – IICC (Investing in Iowa Child Care) Funding</li> </ol>	Abbey	Information, Discussion

	<p>p. 11 – <b>information in packet summarizes the applications and dollars received in Dubuque that will result in just over 430 new child care slots in Dubuque!</b></p> <p>7. Program Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>CCRR – seeing a rise in covid cases among children and staff. Child care consultants are doing some in person visits; screening for health/safety morning of visit. Received a new grant ‘go nap sack’.</b></li> <li>b. <b>PAT – continue to see families on a limited basis based on approved protocol from last BOD meeting. Have had success with doing groups over zoom (carmel apple making; pumpkin playdoh) and will be continuing to offer those experiences. Concerns do remain for the increase in drug/alcohol dependency and domestic violence.</b></li> <li>c. <b>VNA – Oral health screenings were able to be completed, there was an increase of cases of decay, likely due to not being able to screen last year and families not prioritizing oral health during covid. Immunization audits revealed that 96.29% of children had a valid immunization certificate, an increase from the previous year. A new timeline for completion of these audits poses a challenge as it could reflect lower numbers than what they actually are. Immunization clinics continue to be offered; increased number available by 13 since August. Continue to do contact tracing for the community; continue to see a high rate of transmission in our community. Expect could be given okay to start immunizing 5-11 year olds against covid beginning next week.</b></li> </ul> <p>8. <b>Other: reminder there is no meeting in December due to holidays; January will be normal meeting but Abbey requested to move February meeting to the 16<sup>th</sup> – all approved.</b></p>		
1:00 p.m.	Adjourn – <b>12:51 motion to adjourn by Jay, second by Kim</b>	Dan Huss	Action Item
<p><b>Next Scheduled Meeting: November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Zoom (or) Keystone Area Education Agency, 2300 Chaney Road, Dubuque, IA</b></p>			