

## DUBUQUE COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD (DCEC) BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Meeting January 26, 2022

**Attendance:** *Brittany Loeffelholz, Kim Glaser, Beth Wilhelm, Laura Roussel, Sarah Adams, Rick Colpits, Dan Huss, Ron Axtell*

**Program Attendance:** *Amy Kallaher, Kristy Fenwick, Tara Roddick, Stacy Killian, Penny Demert-Neal*  
**Agenda**

Time:	Agenda Item:	Presenters:	Type of Item:
12:00 p.m.	Call to Order – <b>12:02 Dan calls meeting to order</b>	Dan Huss, Chair	
12:01 p.m.	Welcome	Dan	Information, Discussion
12:05 p.m.	<p><b>January Meeting - Key Action Items:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. November BOD Minutes p. 2</li> <li>2. November Exec/Finance Meeting Minutes p. 4</li> <li>3. December Bank Statement p. 5</li> <li>4. HK Financials p. 7</li> <li>5. DCEC Board Application – Joshua Merritt p.35</li> <li>6. DCEC Board Application – Ron Axtell p.36</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 1-4, no comments, motion to approve by Rick, second by Laura.</b></p> <p><b>Items 5 &amp; 6 – Ron gave synapses of his background and experience. Joshua unable to attend, Abbey shared details of her meeting with him. Motion to approve by Laura, second by Kim</b></p>	Dan	Action Item
12:20 p.m.	<p><b>January Meeting - Discussion/Updates</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ECI Annual Report – <b>request PDF from Abbey if you would like one.</b>  <a href="https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/document/eci-2021-annual-report">https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/document/eci-2021-annual-report</a></li> <li>2. Q2 Reports – <b>Abbey will be meeting with programs to go through reports and ensure state requirements are being met</b>  <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X9XsBtyLwZ02JKNUpZPWMwGBgial6tCu?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X9XsBtyLwZ02JKNUpZPWMwGBgial6tCu?usp=sharing</a></li> <li>3. Internship Updates – <b>Intern will be starting next week, her focus will be the strategic and community plans.</b></li> <li>4. New In-Home Child Care Provider Program – <b>CCRR was awarded funds for year 2 of the project; goal is 15 new in home providers. This year focus will be on the county. Last year about 68 new child care spots were created because of this grant! Overall, there are 7 or 8 more providers this year than last year.</b></li> <li>5. Gala – April 21 – <b>mark your calendars, we will be having it – may need to have everyone wear masks. <u>Silent Auction Items are needed</u> --- PLEASE HELP collect items.</b></li> <li>6. Next meeting: <b>February 16 – note this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday not the 4th</b></li> <li>7. Program Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCR&amp;R: <b>Tara gave overview of several bills going through the legislator (increase ratios, reduce CCA reimbursements, and charge parents difference between CCA and private pay). These will all have negative impacts on</b></li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Abbey	Information, Discussion

	<p><i>quality of care. Having a virtual event with legislators tomorrow to discuss concerns and barriers that these bills will create &amp; barriers child care providers are already facing. Tara also shared information on available grants for child care providers (stabilization &amp; challenge grants). There will also be dollars available for staff retention and recruitment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>PAT: Kristy gave brief update on current covid policy; staff continue to prescreen. Visits are still offered by phone, zoom and in person (if family has been vaccinated). Shared details of last group – making English muffin pizzas over zoom! Kristy has been in contact with Finley Birthing Suites and will be speaking to their team about PAT in March at their team meeting.</i></li> <li>• <i>VNA: PS dental screenings are being done and are on target to get to all preschools. Are seeing increase in decay overall. Continue to offer walk-in clinics for covid vaccines. Audit of immunizations should be coming out next week. Child care nurse consultant is almost completed with her trainings; she ahs also been busy with assisting centers with covid protocols. She hosted her first med management class last night! Influenza vaccines are down this year.</i></li> <li>• <i>Clarke: busy with referrals and home visits; distributing a lot of supplies to families.</i></li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>8. Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenge to Change has made yoga movements to go with book 'Healthy You in Dubuque' – Abbey will be reading the story.</li> <li>• Child Care Coalition – focusing on legislative push &amp; supporting families</li> <li>• ECIA received additional funds to be used to help the elderly safely stay in their homes &amp; also to help with lead abatement &amp; other ways to make homes with young children healthy &amp; safe.</li> </ul>		
4:00 p.m.	<b>Adjourn at 12:53 motion by Dan, second by Kim</b>	Huss	Action Item
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting: February 16, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. Zoom (or) Keystone Area Education Agency, 2300 Chaney Road, Dubuque, IA. Meeting minutes taken and submitted by Kristy Fenwick.</b>			