

DUBUQUE COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD (DCEC) BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting September 15, 2021 - Zoom & In Person at Keystone RM 3AB

Board Attendance: Sara Adams, Brittany Loeffelholz, Dan Huss, Jim Guentherman, Jay Wickham, Kim Glaser, Beth Wilhelm,

Excused Board Attendance: Pat Emerson, Laura Roussell

Program Attendance: Amy Kallaher, Kristy Fenwick, Tara Roddick, Penny Demert-Neal

Agenda

Time:	Agenda Item:	Presenters:	Type of Item:
12:00 p.m.	Call to Order – 12:04 p.m. by Dan Huss	Dan Huss, Chair	
12:01 p.m.	Welcome	Dan	Information, Discussion
12:05 p.m.	<p>September Meeting - Key Action Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. June Board Meeting Minutes p.2 2. June Executive/Finance Meeting Minutes p. 3. CCRR Grant Recommendations p. – Tara gave brief description; grant application is for a home center to purchase dramatic play materials. 4. New Board Member Application - Rick Colpitts – Rick is the superintendant of the W. Dubuque School District; he will start the term but may pass it to his new Early Childhood Director down the road.. 5. June Bank Statement p. 6. August Bank Statement p. 7. ECI FY21 Annual Report p. 8. July HK Financials p. <p>Items 1,2,3,6,7,9 – Approved by consensus; motion by Kim, Second by Sara</p> <p>Item 4 – Approved by consensus; motion by Kim, Second by Jay</p> <p>Item 8 – Approved by consensus, motion by Kim, second by Dan</p>	Dan	Action Item
12:20 p.m.	<p>September Meeting - Discussion/Updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dubuque County Board of Supervisors Grant – will be submitted today. Year 2 of 3 year project with CCRR to increase registered child development homes. This year the goal will be to increase by 15 and is an \$80,000 project. Jay shared that Dubuque has access to \$20 million as part of the Rescue Plan; encouraged the group to consider other possibilities for use of this funding. 2. Gala - postponed to April 21, 2022 – Dick Gregory & Bobbi Earles are both still on board to be emcees. They also shared an interest in helping to recruit additional sponsors & people to attend the event. 3. Kids Expo - Oct. 2 - Coming quickly, committee is ready to go! Please feel free to drive through and support the efforts; if you want to be a part of the event let Abbey know. Cynthia is working on getting community mascots to walk around and wave to the cars/children. 3. Family Resource Guide – 10,000 print copies to be distributed to community. Will be given out at Kids Expo and the schools will also be handing them out. 	Abbey	Information, Discussion

	<p>4. Community Conversations: Community Foundation Panel: Setting Students Up for Success - Sept. 16 at 11:30am – Panel consists of Abbey, Cynthia Wehenberg, & Shirley Horstman. If you want to join, let Abbey know and she will send you the link.</p> <p>5. Program updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CCRR – there are still PS scholarship funds available. If additional grant monies are approved through Dubuque County, there are 10 additional providers that have already expressed an interest in becoming registered. Update on covid – additional funds available to providers are ending this month. Invest in Iowa Childcare has resulted in 433 new spaces and will invest approximately \$1.9 million into our community. Tara & Abbey are having a meeting with select providers tonight to discuss continued needs. ○ PAT – shared that ECI has released covid restrictions at the state level and has asked that individual area boards make decisions of protocols around home visits. Discussion around current practice for vaccinated and non-vaccinated families; board agreed that due to current covid cases and rate of transmission, we will continue with our current protocol. This will be an ongoing discussion. Group events for the PAT program are also being switched back to virtual from in-person. ○ VNA – Abbey read an email from Stacy detailing VNA update; Nurse consultant is busy with RSV in centers and increase in Covid exposures; she is also working on reviewing immunizations at centers in preparation for their state audits. All preschools have been scheduled for oral health screenings. Will be starting flu vaccines soon; have been focusing on school vaccines, offering extra vaccine clinics. VNA has resumed contact tracing. ○ Clarke – Clinicals started again, have been doing some home visits; staff and students are masked at all times. Clarity Clinic has been providing a number of referrals. ● Other: Jim shared details of Changing Minds conference on next Tuesday. It will be held at Butler Hall (University of Dubuque). There is a virtual option to hear the speakers as well as in person option. https://lsiowa.org/ChangingMinds/ 		
1:00 p.m.	Adjourn – 12:51 motion to adjourn by Beth, second by Jim	Dan Huss	Action Item
Next Scheduled Meeting: October 27, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Zoom (or) Keystone Area Education Agency, 2300 Chaney Road, Dubuque, IA			