



BVCS EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA
3 –COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 27, 2013 time: **10:00 Am** Trinity Lutheran Church 612 S Dewey, Odebolt

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION, CONCLUSION, RECOMMENDATION, EVALUATION, ACTION | ACTION |
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| <p>Introductions and Call to Order: The BVCS ECI 3-county Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Rhonda Ringgenberg at 10:05 am.</p> | | |
| <p>Voting Members Present: Randall Kuhlmann, Crawford County Supervisor; Ranell Drake, Sac County Supervisor; Mike Bunde, Education (C); Norm Behrens, First State Bank (S); Cathie Page, Family Resource Center (S); Rhonda Ringgenberg, Buena Vista County Supervisor; Quorum met.</p> | | |
| <p>Voting Members Absent: Tracy Terry, Maternal Newborn Nurse/BVRMC (BV); Pete Rodriguez, Denison City Council (C); Doug Noble, JCS; Gale Randall, EA Regional Liaison/Prairie Lakes AEA (BV); Cora Lahr, Consumer (S).</p> | | |
| <p>Ex-Officio Present: Pam Bogue, Public Health (BV); Mollie Scott, Kids World, Inc. (S).</p> | | |
| <p>Others Present: Jackie Duffy, Sac County Health Services; Laura Beeck, CCHHH&PH; Retta Mitchell, CCR&R; Annette Koster, BVCS ECI.</p> | | |
| Approval of Agenda | Motion by Ranell D to approve the agenda with the addition of electing a Vice Chairperson, seconded by Cathie P, all in favor. | Motion carries |
| Approval of Previous Minutes | Motion by Randall K to approve the minutes, seconded by Norm B, all in favor. | Motion carries |
| <p>III. Early Childhood Iowa</p> | | |
| <p>Financial Reports: School Ready Early Childhood</p> | <p>Annette K presented the financial reports; she shared the change in distribution of funds based off last month's meeting. Questions were asked about Home Visitation spending. Annette explained expenditures are taking from Family Support before moving to other silos (Quality & Other). A question was asked about Preschool Improvement. Annette K responded that program includes an ECERS evaluation, trainings and consultation, it has started but funding has not been submitted for payment. Cathie P made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Ranell D, all in favor.</p> | <p>Motion carries</p> |
| <p>By-Laws</p> | <p>By-Law revisions were sent by email to each Board Member. Annette K shared with the Board changes that were made at the February meeting, and the proposed language. Randall D made a motion to accept the first reading of the revision to the By-Laws, seconded by Cathie P, all in favor. The second reading will be held next month's Board meeting.</p> | <p>Motion carries</p> |
| <p>Indicator Review</p> | <p>Annette K shared with the board, three handouts; current community-wide indicators, timeline for the indicators, and a worksheet for new indicators. She shared that indicators capture the whole ECI area or State of Iowa, to show progress. It may not be appropriate to have contractors have input into setting these as discussed at a prior meeting. Indicators should be readily available to the public. The board reviewed each current indicators: Rate of children immunized at a public clinic by age 2, Literacy, Dental treatment, Poverty rate, Juvenile percentage of those who did not reoffend, Number of slots available in registered/licensed childcare settings, Child care home settings participating in the Quality Rating System, and Preschool settings achieving a quality standard Quality Rating System (QRS).</p> <p>Discussion was held on each indicator. Literacy, check to see if DIBELS is done by each school in the BVCS ECI area instead of the 4th grade reading level. Poverty Rate – currently use the US Bureau of Census to collect the data, could Free/Reduced Lunch be a better option? Continue to</p> | |

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| | <p>use Census data. Juvenile to show the long term effect of ECI programs. Collecting data on those who did not reoffend means that they had already committed a crime. Consider removing this indicator. Preschool setting achieving a QRS rating, State Wide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP) are required to participate in Quality Preschool Program Standards (QPPS), would this be a better indicator. Is the data available on the Department of Education website? Annette K will check into this. QRS is open to all preschool programs, even those not associated with SWVPP. Motion by Randall D to change to Indicators by removing Juvenile percentage, add QRS to preschools, seconded by Mike B, all in favor.</p> <p>A question was asked if Blue Star homes are still available in communities. No one knew for sure, but may not be related to background checks.</p> | Motion carries |
| Strategic Plan Review | <p>Annette K presented and read the current Strategic Plan. Discussion was held about the number of immunizations children receive before age two. They are required by state law to have 19 immunizations by age two, a combination of vaccines can be in one shot, and spread out over months. Religious exemptions can be granted. Cathie P made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan as currently written, seconded by Ranell D, all in favor.</p> | Motion carries |
| Request for Renewal FY 14 | <p>The board discussed Request for Renewals for Fiscal Year 2014. Annette explained the process to have agencies submit new budgets, and summary of program only if changes are made to current funded program. The board discussed if the Request for Renewal (RFR) would apply to program started mid-year. The decision was made to offer the RFR to contract holders at the beginning of Fiscal Year 13, and not include transportation that was started mid-year. Transportation was a very expensive program in the past. Annette K will inform contract holders.</p> | Recommendation |
| Elect New Vice Chairperson | <p>Mark Segebart was elected to the State Senate leaving the board without a Vice-Chair. The By-laws state officers must be representative of each county, therefore the candidate must come from Crawford County. A motion by Ranell D to nominate Randall Kuhlmann, seconded by Cathie P. Rhonda R asked if there were any other nominations. Norm B made a motion that nomination cease, seconded by Cathie P. Motion to nominate Randall K a vote was held, all in favor.</p> | Motion carries |
| Next Meeting Date | <p>Due to conflicts, the next meeting of the BVCS ECI 3-County Board will be held on Monday, April 22nd. Annette K will ask all contract holders to attend and present about their programs. The May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd.</p> | |
| Community Input | | |
| Adjournment | Cathie P made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Norm B, all in favor. 11:30 am | Motion carries |

Respectfully submitted: Annette Koster

Submittal: The minutes of the above stated meeting submitted for approval.

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Approval: Based on board consensus, the minutes of the above stated meeting Minutes hereby approved as presented or corrected.