

NORTH IOWA CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 10th, 2025

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Zoom

Welcome and Roll Call	Meeting called to order at 1:04pm. Board members present: Chris, Shana, Sis, Ken, and Stephanie
Approve Agenda	NICA Board Meeting Agenda 07.10.2025 motion to approve by Sis, 2 nd by Shana, all in favor.
Minutes - <i>Action Required</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 10th, 2025 Minutes 	NICA Board Mtg Minutes 06.10.2025 motion to approve by Shana, 2 nd by Ken, all in favor.
Public Comment	Worth County Public Health shared an update about the Car Seat Safety Education Program that they were offering in the month of June. It's a good hr and half time that they spend with a family for the appropriate education. Purchased 37 car seats. Car seats were purchased through Child Source.
Financials	Lacey will stated that she would share the FY25 summary sheet at the August board meeting. Lacey showed the FY26 budget breakdown. Lacey is working with Heather from Cerro Gordo County to transition the budget from Early Childhood and School Ready funds to the state's new alignment.
Directors Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directors Update ECI Update FY26 RFP Deadlines 	<p>All major contracts have been signed. Waiting on Family Connections contract. Have received numerous preschool questions. Have set up face to face meetings with preschools to help them navigate the changes. Am hoping to do a preschool scholarship help day at each preschool. Preschools like this idea.</p> <p>The ECI directors met with the state office yesterday. We were told there would be new requirements for ECI directors to follow for FY26. These include- Share spreadsheet timeline as well as new Iowa Grant requirements. In order to receive our quarterly state payments all contracts must be uploaded into Iowa Grants as well as the budget tracking spreadsheet. The spreadsheet is to be uploaded in Iowa Grants each month.</p> <p>The next state ECI board meeting is scheduled for September 5th.</p> <p>No update on the transition to districts.</p> <p>The NICA website has been updated with all new RFP guidelines and the FY26 RFP Application. The RFP Application will be open July 28th with applications to be completed and submitted by August 11th. Once grant awards are decided. award letters will be sent out to programs.</p>

Board Business <i>Action Required</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Connections July FY26 Expenses FY26 Preschool Scholarships 	<p>Family Connections has not turned in their FY26 contract. This year however was an unprecedented year as contracts were sent later due to many issues at the state office and Amanda McKee needing to review my home visitation contract before I could even send it to Chelsie. With the challenges faced this year. There was not a lot of time for Mercy One to review the contract prior to the submission deadline. Lacey asked the board to discuss covering the FY26 July expenses for Family Connections.</p> <p>While the board understands there was a short turnaround to complete the contract by July 1st. The board decided that all contracted programs be held to the same standard and are required to submit their contracts on the same day. Motion by Ken to not cover the FY26 July expenses for Family Connections. 2nd by Shana. All in Favor.</p> <p>There were several changes with preschool scholarships for FY26. The board reviewed the proposed policy and procedure changes for preschool scholarships. Motion by Sis to approve the proposed policy and procedure updates. 2nd by Shana. All in Favor.</p>
Board Membership Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Citizen 	<p>The board is still pursuing replacements for the Education and Citizen board openings. Currently no new members have joined. Shana is going to talk to one potential candidate.</p>
Next Meeting Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 14th, 2025 @ 1pm via Zoom 	<p>Lacey will send a Zoom invite for the July 10th meeting.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn by Sis 2nd by Shana all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 1:58pm</p>