

NORTH IOWA CHILDREN’S ALLIANCE
BOARD MEETING

Date: September 8, 2022

Time: 1:00-2:30

Location: Zoom

TOPIC/DISCUSSION ITEM	MINUTES
<p>Welcome & Roll Call</p>	<p>Board members present: Chris, Enos, Melinda, Shana, Ken, Heidi. Staff present: Jaci</p>
<p>Minutes - Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● August 11, 2022 ● Electronic Vote Result – Translation Services 	<p>NICA Board Mtg Minutes 8.11.22 – motion to accept by Melinda and second by Shana. All in favor.</p> <p>Electronic vote results were not discussed.</p>
<p>Board Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consumer – Introduction of potential new member – <i>Action Required</i> 	<p>Stephenie Lau was introduced as a potential board member to fill the “consumer” member position. After discussion, Enos motioned to appoint Stephenie as the consumer member representative. Seconded by Melinda. All in favor.</p> <p>A new Board Roster will be completed and sent to Board members.</p>
<p>Director Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FY22 Annual Report/State ECI – <i>Action Required</i> ● Preschool Scholarship Application Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Action Required for extenuating circumstances application</i> ● NICA Community Plan Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of Committee Recommendations ○ <i>Action Required</i> 	<p>Annual report was reviewed. Motion to accept by Shana and second by Enos. All in favor. The Board reviewed the Executive Summary completed by Jaci. This will be posted on our website as an educational tool regarding NICA efforts and accomplishments.</p> <p>Preschool scholarships - \$30,600 has been allocated at this time. 24 approved, 11 pending and 8 denied applications as of September 8th. The Board was asked to approved an application under extenuating circumstances. Motion to approve by Ken and second by Shana. All in favor. Ken asked that in October we review a revised policy for the preschool scholarships to make sure we have language reflecting extenuating circumstances and catastrophic issues that affect the family’s ability to pay for preschool.</p> <p>NICA Community Plan - Appointed subcommittee of Jen, Sis and Marian met to discuss data,</p>

	<p>community needs assessments, and draft a recommendation to the Board regarding the NICA future priority areas. Priority Areas include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce and/or eliminate child abuse. 2. Support for preventative health, mental health and wellness 3. Childcare accessibility and quality care 4. Access to high quality early learning for being on track for school success 5. Safe, stable and nurturing families <p>Ken motioned to accept the priority areas and strategies. Second by Enos, all in favor.</p> <p>Jaci reported on the fiscal assessment portion that has been completed. At the October meeting the Board will approve the final goals and performance measures.</p> <p>Jaci reported that the State ECI will be setting a meeting date and time for review/redesignation of our area. A meeting invite will be coming.</p>
<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Program Financial Report – FY23 	<p>Very little has been billed to FY23 as programs are just getting started and preschool scholarships are not utilized until September. At this point we are 1% spent of the school ready funds and 9% of the early childhood funds.</p>
<p>FY23 Funded Program Presenter</p>	<p>Kathy and Tara presented on behalf of Child Care Resource and Referral.</p>
<p>Public Comment / Round Table</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● October 13, 2022 @ 1:00pm via Zoom 	<p>Chris has asked that we have “approve agenda” as an action step an to send out the update board roster to members prior to the next meeting.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn – Shana with a second from Enos. All in favor. Adjourned at 1:49.</p>