



**NORTH IOWA CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE
BOARD MEETING**

Date: April 13, 2023

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Zoom

TOPIC/DISCUSSION ITEM	NOTES
<p>Welcome & Roll Call</p>	<p>Board members present: Chris, Shana, Sis, Enos, Stephanie, Melinda, Jen. Meeting called to order at 1:02.</p>
<p>Approve Agenda</p>	<p>NICA Board meeting agenda 4.13.2023 motion to approve by Sis, 2nd by Enos, all in favor.</p>
<p>Minutes - Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 20, 2023 Minutes 	<p>NICA Board meeting minutes 3.20.23 motion to approve by Jen, 2nd by Shana, all in favor.</p>
<p>Board Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Board Member Term • Employer of Record Contract FY24– <i>Action Item</i> 	<p>The position of Citizen Board Member is still vacant, please send recommendations to Jaci. Requirements of the position were reviewed.</p> <p>Tony Reed with CIJDC joined the meeting to discuss the Employer of Record for FY24. CIJDC is willing to continue as the EOR with a proposed budget of \$59,395. Budget includes salary/benefits for Director position as well as, expenses and administrative fee. A flat rate per month will be charged for the employer of record administrative fee. A suggested increase of 4% for the Director was proposed in this budget based on the annual employee evaluation and average of the 3 counties percent increase for county nonunion employees. Motion to approve by Jen, 2^{dn} by Sis, all in favor.</p>
<p>Director Update & Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Oral Health Program • Preschool Scholarship Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allocation Discussion 	<p>Oral Health Program: Jaci discussed the status of the oral health program in North Iowa 9 counties previously served by NICA. As of March 31st. NICA terminated the contract to provide oral health services as a part of the child health grant with the state of Iowa. NICA terminated its contract with NICA to provide oral health services as of March 31, 2023. Currently HHS is in discussions with another entity to pick up the contract for the provision of oral health services in the 9 county region, as well as, maintaining Lezah as the Coordinator for the region. Fortunately, Lezah worked ahead and completed above and beyond the number of screenings that were a part of the NICA contract for FY23. It is the hope of HHS that a contractor can be finalized soon and services can start again in north Iowa in 1-2 months.</p> <p>Preschool Scholarship Program: In efforts to prepare for the RFP committee's meeting in May to determine funding and a FY24 budget, funding allocation for the preschool scholarship program</p>

	<p>was discussed and determined to remain at \$60,000. In addition, funds to be set aside for the application to be translated into Spanish through connections at HHS (Jennifer) or Worth County Public Health (Shana). In addition, funding to be set aside for CCR&R to coordinate the application submission process for the scholarship program. This is in an effort to streamline the process, make connections with parents regarding childcare services, and work with local preschools to work towards IQ4K rating system.</p>
<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Financial Report – FY23 	<p>Jaci reviewed the financial status of the school ready and early childhood funds. At this point in the fiscal year, programs should be around 66% spent. School ready funds are at \$170,00 remaining and Early Childhood funds are at \$38,000 remaining. The max in funding we can carry over is 20% of our total allocations. Jaci expressed no concern in having more carry over than allotted by the state. We received our last quarterly disbursement of school ready (\$95,271) and early childhood (\$24,501) funding.</p>
<p>FY23 Funded Program Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Nurse Consultant • Impact Grant 	<p>Monica reviewed the child care nurse consultant program.</p> <p>Kathy L. discussed the impact grant of \$100,000 that was awarded to look at childcare issues. Funding will work on building a business/childcare collaboration and address the childcare issue in Cerro Gordo area.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Chelsie reviewed that she met with Ken and Shana to discuss potential connections, collaborations and methods to improve referrals to the home visitation program.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 11, 2023 @ 1:00pm via Zoom 	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion by Jen, 2nd by Sis, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 1:52pm.</p>