



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

Date: August 10, 2023

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Zoom

TOPIC/DISCUSSION ITEM	NOTES
<p>Welcome & Roll Call</p>	<p>Board members present: Chris, Shana, Enos, Marian, Heidi, Shana, Jen, Marian. Meeting called to order at 1:04.</p>
<p>Approve Agenda</p>	<p>NICA Board meeting agenda 8.10.2023 motion to approve by Shana and 2nd by Jen, all in favor.</p>
<p>Minutes - Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 8, 2023 Minutes 	<p>NICA Board meeting minutes 6.8.2023 motion to approve by Jen, 2nd by Marian, all in favor.</p>
<p>Board Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Board Member Discussion (<i>potential appointment / action item</i>) 	<p>Jaci will be having a discussion with a potential board member from Worth County. Her start date would be September 2023.</p>
<p>Director Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY23 Annual Report/Budget - <i>Action Required</i> • Meeting Schedule for FY24 • Preschool Scholarship Program • HHS Alignment Update 	<p>The annual state financial report was completed by Jaci, reviewed and signed by Heather Mathre (fiscal agent representative) and presented to the Board. The financial report for FY23 School Ready and FY23 Early Childhood motion to approve by Enos, 2nd by Jen, all in favor.</p> <p>Preschool Scholarships – 29 applications have been approved, 4 denied and 2 pending additional information needed. Total allocated to date is \$35,865. Board was reminded that our program is first come first serve for scholarship awards. Any child that is referred to our scholarship program and has qualified for Head Start but there is currently a wait list will qualify for our scholarships without requiring financial documentation. Discussion on families/children who are a part of the free school preschool program are not eligible for our scholarship to attend another preschool on the days opposite of free preschool.</p> <p>Jaci gave a brief update on the HHS alignment process and the meetings she has been attending as an ECI Director and also as a public health representative. HHS has hired an outside vendor (HMA) to conduct town halls, as well as, collect survey data so that stakeholders in the process are engaged and have</p>

	a voice. The process is moving quickly with a recommendation by late October.
Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY24 Funding Summary 	Jaci shared the allocation of funding and the beginning balances with the carryover and interest added in. Our first disbursements from the state have not yet been received. Jaci is informing programs that they can not be paid until the first disbursements have been received.
Public Comment	None
Next Meeting Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 14, 2023 @ 1:00pm via Zoom 	Due to scheduling conflicts, the September meeting will be cancelled. Next meeting date will be October 12 th via Zoom at 1:00pm.
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn at 1:49 by Marian and 2 nd by Heidi, all in favor.