



NORTH IOWA CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 12, 2023

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Zoom

TOPIC/DISCUSSION ITEM	NOTES
<p>Welcome & Roll Call</p>	<p>Board members present: Chris, Shana, Enos, Heidi, Sis, Melinda, Lacey. Meeting called to order at 1:03.</p>
<p>Approve Agenda</p>	<p>NICA Board meeting agenda 10.12.2023 motion to approve by Ken and 2nd by Sis, all in favor.</p>
<p>Minutes - Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 10, 2023 Minutes 	<p>NICA Board meeting minutes 8.10.2023 motion to approve by Enos, 2nd by Ken, all in favor.</p>
<p>Board Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Board Member Appointment – Lacey Waller - <i>Action Required</i> 	<p>Motion to appoint Lacey Waller as the Citizen Board Member to replace Marian. Motion to approve by Enos, 2nd by Sis, all in favor.</p>
<p>Director Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of Electronic Vote • Preschool Scholarship Program • DAISEY and State Requirements • HHS Update Items • Other 	<p><i>Board Electronic Vote</i> – An electronic vote was requested between scheduled board meetings to increase the amount allocated to the preschool scholarship program due to all funds have been allocated. This would utilize funding allocated for a special project. Six no's and 1 yes were recorded, motion denied.</p> <p><i>Preschool Scholarship Program</i> – 47 scholarships have been awarded to 9 preschools in the three-county area. A waiting list has been created, as families continue to apply.</p> <p><i>DAISEY and State Requirements</i> – Annual report on Family Connections from the state was discussed. Areas of concern for those served in Hancock County: % of children 1 year or below at enrollment, parenting alone, 201% of more of FPL. In Worth county areas of concern included: 201% or more of FPL.</p> <p><i>HHS Update Items</i> – Jaci shared the Boards and Commission Final Report. Areas of interest: 111 fewer boards and commissions, 43% reduction, modernization of open meeting laws to allow for virtual or hybrid meetings, repealing the gender-balance requirement, and the removing the following Early Childhood Iowa committees: Child Care Advisory, Leadership Council for Child Care Training, Early Childhood Stakeholders Alliance.</p>

	<p>In addition, we do not have an update on the HHS realignment at the time.</p> <p><i>Board Insurance</i> – Jaci has started the process with 1st Insurance to renew the ICAP Board Liability insurance for the next year.</p>
<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY24 Funding Report 	<p>Invoices for FY24 have been slow to start coming in. Some of this is due to staffing, program changes, and obtainment of contracts for services in our area. School Ready funding expended: \$16,134.16 and Early Childhood funding expended: \$13,708.89</p>
<p>Funded Program Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Connections 	<p>Chelsie with Family Connections presented.</p>
<p>Public Comment / Program Updates</p>	<p>Mental Health Consultant Program Update: a mental health consultant was hired and started last week. Up until that point services were contracted with Turning Leaf.</p> <p>Oral Health: is up and running and now through Webster Co. Public Health. Biggest obstacle is no where to send kids who need follow up – no dental office is taking referrals.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 9, 2023 @ 1:00pm via Zoom 	<p>Next meeting date is November 16th at 1:30 to accommodate Jaci’s attendance at the state ECI conference. Meeting will be via Zoom.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Shana, 2nd by Sis, all in favor. Adjourned at 2:08.</p>