

NORTH IOWA CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 13th, 2025

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Zoom

Welcome and Roll Call	Meeting called to order at 1:00pm. Board members present: Chris, Shana, Ken, Enos, Melinda, Sis.
Approve Agenda	NICA Board Meeting Agenda 11.13.25 motion to approve by Shana, 2 nd by Enos. All in favor.
Minutes - <i>Action Required</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 9th, 2025 Minutes 	NICA Board Mtg Minutes 10.09.2025. Motion to approve by Shana, 2 nd by Melinda, All in favor.
Public Comment	Chelsie Hinton from Family Connections shared a program update. Cerro Gordo has 12 clients, Hancock has 6 clients and Worth has 7 clients to make the total at 25 families served. The board is very happy to see a huge increase in the number of families served.
Financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2026 Funding Summary Directors Financial Outlook 	<p>Lacey shared the final FY26 Funding Summary Spreadsheet.</p> <p>The board will continue to monitor the budget. And is aware of the need to spend down carryforward dollars first.</p>
Directors Report & ECI Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State ECI Board Meeting Update Home Visitation Reporting Updates Library Literacy Grants FY26 Unallocated Funds Plan 	<p>The State Early Childhood Iowa Board will meet Friday December 2nd at 9am-12pm via Zoom.</p> <p>The State ECI Board shared a Critical Incident Report Draft Policy document at their October board meeting. Lacey shared the report with the NICA board. This critical incident policy document is still in draft format.</p> <p>Lacey sent all Early Literacy Library Grant documents to all libraries in Cerro Gordo, Hancock & Worth Counties. Lacey received positive feedback from the library directors about this opportunity.</p> <p>The ECI Technical Assistance team asked all ECI Directors to submit an Unallocated Funds Plan. Lacey completed and submitted their request and shared the plan with the board. The board will re-visit the need to open another RFP at the next meeting to allocated some additional funds.</p>
Board Business <i>Action Required</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2026 ECI Assn. Dues WCPH Public Awareness Fair Contract Preschool Scholarships 	<p>Lacey and the board discussed the Early Childhood Association. Lacey shared that she has found the ECI Association impactful during her first year as the director. However, due to the potential change in moving to districts the meetings have been less professional development for directors. Ken made a motion to table the ECI Association Dues invoice until our next meeting in January. 2nd by Shana. All in Favor.</p>

	<p>Worth County Public Health shared an update about their Public Awareness Fair Contract and a made a request for an additional \$5,000. Ken made a motion to increase Worth County Public Health's Public Awareness Fairs Contract by \$5,000. Which makes their new total of \$13,000 for their project. 2nd by Sis. Shana abstains. All in Favor.</p> <p>Lacey shared with the board that there are not as many preschool scholarships this year due to a multitude of reasons. With \$55,000 allocated to preschool scholarships and not as many families applying for scholarships. Lacey made a recommendation to cover preschool scholarships at 100% for all participating families to help spend down the allocated funding. Motion by Shana, 2nd by Enos to cover all preschool scholarships at 100%. All in Favor.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 8th, 2026 @ 1pm via Zoom 	Lacey will send a Zoom invite for the January 8th meeting.
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Ken 2 nd by Melinda. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.