

NORTH IOWA CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 9th, 2025

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Zoom

Welcome and Roll Call	Meeting called to order at 1:04pm. Board members present: Chris, Enos, Ken, Jennifer, Shana, Heidi.
Approve Agenda	NICA Board Meeting Agenda 01.12.2025 motion to approve by Jen, 2 nd by Enos, all in favor.
Minutes - <i>Action Required</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● January 9th, 2025 Minutes 	NICA Board Mtg Minutes 1.9.2025 motion to approve by Ken, 2 nd by Jen, all in favor.
Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FY25 Funding Summary ● Director's Financial Outlook ● Fy24 Audit Update 	<p>Lacey reviewed the financial statement and Director's financial outlook. School ready is at 25% spent and Early Childhood funding is at 36% spent as of December vouchers. Some December vouchers are still being submitted.</p> <p>Programs have been asked to submit billing as soon as possible so that the mid-year required state financial report can be completed and submitted by February 16th. Lacey and Jaci will work on the financial report together.</p> <p>The Fy24 Audit had no findings.</p>
Board Business – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board Position – <i>Action Required</i> ● Elections ● Family Connections Subcommittee Update ● Unallocated Funds/Carryover 	<p>Board members were asked about replacements for the open board position. Names were shared. Lacey will contact the potential candidates.</p> <p>Board Elections were held. Chris Watts was appointment Chair. Ken Zimmerman appointed Vice Chair. Motion to approve by Shana. 2nd by Jen. All in favor.</p> <p>The Family Connections subcommittee met on January 3rd with Chelsie. Amanda McKee a specialist in Home Visitation programming joined the meeting as well. Amanda provided insight for committee members about how home visitation programming is done throughout the state. Chelsie has increased the number of families served by adding two more families. To make her total number of families enrolled in the program at 15. One new family in Worth and one in Cerro Gordo. The subcommittee decided that Chelsie would continue to submit her compliance forms to Lacey. Lacey will share them with the subcommittee members.</p> <p>During the last two Board meetings discussions have continued how to utilize</p>

	<p>carryover funding to focus on the child care crisis in Hancock and Worth Counties. (Cerro Gordo has not been included due to their current funded program: Childcare Works). CCR&R collected data on the number of licensed centers and employees, as well as, home licensed provider to determine the number of employees and individuals that would qualify for a onetime bonus retention program. Kathy and Lacey have started on an application process and program details. Next Board meeting to discuss how carry over funding will be utilized and the amount that may be needed for a retention recruitment program.</p>
<p>Director's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Mid-Year Report Requirements 	<p>The State Mid-Year Financial and program update (Qualtrics) will be due on February 17th. It was released on January 8th for the beginning of data entry. Jaci will assist Lacey in getting started in the state program and reporting requirements.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Care Resource & Referral 	<p>Kathy Lloyd & Tara Roddick discussed their CCR&R brochure. Kathy provided an overview of how she thinks a childcare retention bonus would benefit the providers in Worth and Hancock counties.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 13th, 2025 @ 1pm via Zoom 	<p>Lacey will send a Zoom invite for February's meeting.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Jen, 2nd by Shana, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 1:57pm.</p>