



Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa

Board Meeting

Thursday, April 16th, 2026; 9:00 a.m.

Olin Consolidated School Community Room/Zoom

Members Present: Mike Bixler, Dionne Daedlow, Darrick Hall, Stephanie Musser, Heather Weers, and Stephen Williams.

Members Absent: Josh Sundstrom.

Others Present: Christy Brown & Jess Burger, GWAEA; Diana Strahan, Christi Regan, & Jaye Geater, HACAP; Melissa Tucker & Amy Ryan, LSI; Chelsey Steckley, YPN; Whitney Randolph, Cedar County Public Health, Jodi Jorgensen, Scott County Health Dept., and Sherri Hunt, Cedar/Jones ECI Director.

- I. Call Meeting to Order** – Board Chairperson Stephen Williams **called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.** Quorum was achieved with 6 out of 7 members present.
- II. Introductions** – All Board members and guests introduced themselves.
- III. Public Comments** – Christi Regan shared that HACAP was not awarded Shared Vision Preschool Funding for the next 5 year cycle. This is approximately a \$75,000 financial impact in Jones County and Christi is unsure of the program impact at this time.
- IV. Meeting Minutes** – Mike Bixler made a motion, seconded by Darrick Hall **to approve the March 19th, 2026 Board Meeting minutes.** All approved. Motion carried.
- V. FY26 Financials** – Stephanie Musser made a motion, seconded by Heather Weers **to accept the FY26 Financials as presented.** All approved. Motion carried.
- VI. FY27 Employer of Record Agreement – Approval of** – Heather Weers made a motion, seconded by Mike Bixler **to approve the FY27 Employer of Record Agreement with Jones County.** There were no contractual changes with the exception of dates. All approved. Motion carried.
- VII. FY26 3rd Quarter Program Reports – Review** – Sherri provided a summary review of 3rd Quarter activities for contracted programs including performance measure and financial data. No concerns were noted and all programs are on track. Minimal funds will be carried into FY27. Heather Weers made a motion, seconded by Stephanie Musser **to accept the FY26 3rd Quarter Program Reports as presented.** All approved. Motion carried.
- VIII. FY27 Release of Funds – Requests for Renewals** – Sherri discussed options for FY27 contracting. Mike Bixler made a motion, seconded by Stephanie Musser **to release FY27 funding and accept renewal requests from currently funded FY26 contractors.** Renewal requests will be reviewed, discussed with possible action taken at the May meeting. All approved. Motion carried.
- IX. Legislative Update** – Sherri provided the Board with a brief Legislative Update and shared with Board members that language is still going back and forth between the ECI Association,

our Lobbyist, and HHS. No major changes since the last update.

- X. Discussions with Clinton/Jackson ECI & Dubuque ECI** – Sherri shared that she has met with Clinton/Jackson ECI and Dubuque ECI representatives to discuss the sharing or partnership of administrative duties as the Clinton/Jackson ECI Director is retiring in early Fall. Also discussed with the continued exploration of merging ECI areas. Cedar/Jones ECI Board members were responsive and willing to entertain further conversations.
- XI. Director Update** – Sherri shared draft FY27 allocations which remained relatively status quo from FY26 funding. She also shared with the Board the receipt of a grant from the Cedar County Community Foundation to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Cedar County. Finally, she shared an overview of YPN PAT HV survey results in Jones County and information regarding an upcoming Drug-Endangered Children Awareness Training and information about Child Abuse Prevention month activities.
- She reminded Board Members that a Faith or Business representative is still needed for the Board. Members offered a couple of options. Sherri will follow up.
- XII. Adjourn** – Mike Bixler made a motion, seconded by Stephanie Musser **to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m.** All approved. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14th, 2026; 9:00 a.m.; Olin CSD/Zoom --
Scheduled needed to change because of various conflicts.

Next Exec. Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 6th, 2026; 11:45 a.m.; Wy, Wyoming –
Meeting changed because again of various conflicts and the desire to meet with representatives from the Clinton/Jackson ECI Board.