



## ***Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa***

### ***Board Meeting***

***Thursday, February 19th, 2026; 9:00 a.m.  
Olin CSD Community Meeting Room / Zoom***

**Members Present:** Mike Bixler, Dionne Daedlow, Darrick Hall, Stephanie Musser, Janet Shotwell, Josh Sundstrom, and Heather Weers.

**Members Absent:** Steve Williams.

**Others Present:** Christy Brown, GWAEA; Christi Regan, Diana Strahan, & Jaye Geater, HACAP; Amber Brown, Linda Cavazos, Melissa Tucker, & Amy Ryan, LSI; Chelsey Steckley, YPN; Leanna Husmann, United Way of East Central Iowa; Katie Steffensmeier, ECIA; Whitney Randolph, Cedar County Public Health; and Sherri Hunt, Cedar/Jones ECI Director.

- I. Call Meeting to Order** – Board Vice-Chairperson Dionne Daedlow **called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.** Quorum was achieved with 7 out of 8 members present.
- II. Introductions** – All Board members and guests introduced themselves.
- III. Public Comments** – Katie Steffensmeier reminded everyone of the ECIA Home Repair Program. Her program tests for lead and radon in homes and helps assist home owners with health and safety repairs. ECI serves both Cedar and Jones counties, as well as a number of other counties.
- IV. Meeting Minutes** – Heather Weers made a motion, seconded by Josh Sundstrom **to approve the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Board Meeting minutes.** All approved. Motion carried.
- V. FY26 Financials** – Sherri provided an overview with no concerns noted. She also told the Board that discussions would occur in the next couple of months regarding the utilization of any possible carry forward funding. Mike Bixler made a motion, seconded by Janet Shotwell **to accept the FY26 Financials as presented.** All approved. Motion carried.
- VI. FY26 Program Budget Amendments** -- Josh Sundstrom made a motion, seconded by Janet Shotwell **to approve program budgets for LSI moving \$339.36 from the Program Supervisor line item to the Service Coordinator line item and for GWAEA CART moving \$300 from the Mileage line item to Program Costs line item.** Both budget amendments did not affect the overall funding of the contract. All approved. Motion carried.  
  
Sherri also noted that all Program FY26 Mid-Year Reviews were completed with no concerns noted. She was thankful to have a Board member present at each of the reviews.
- VII. Parents As Teachers Presentation – Lutheran Services in Iowa** – Melissa Tucker, Amber Brown, and Amy Ryan presented on the work LSI is doing in Cedar County through the Parents As Teachers (PAT) Home Visitation Program. They provided several scenarios where they are working with families and children and some of the program impacts. A mom and her daughter were also present to talk about the impact of programming on their family
- VIII. Legislative Update** – Sherri shared information regarding HSB 623 and SSB 3111 and

amendments associated with these bills. Discussion continued with the impact of these bills at our local level and the possible loss of services and community collaboration.

- IX. State Early Childhood Iowa Annual Report** – Sherri shared the Early Childhood Iowa 2025 Annual Report and noted the various investments that ECI area are utilizing across the state to serve the unique needs of their individual areas.
- X. Adjourn** – Mike Bixler made a motion, seconded by Heather Weers **to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m.** All approved. Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026; 9:00 a.m.; Olin CSD/Zoom

**Next Exec. Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026; 12:00 noon; Dittos, Stanwood