

Cedar Valley's Promise Board of Directors

May 15, 2025; 3:39 pm to 4:29 pm

Zoom Meeting

Action Agenda

Agenda Item	Summary
1. Call Meeting to Order 3:39 p.m.	<p>ACTION ITEM: Lew Everling will call the meeting to order. Time Called to Order: 3:39</p> <p>Members needed for Quorum = 6 Members Present and Members Absent:</p> <p>William Aukes Nancy Beenblossom John Berry Vincent Collis Jane Dahlhauser Lew Everling Jonathan Grieder Mike Knapp Joanne Lane Marsha Platt Staff: Brenda Loop</p>
2. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda 3:40 pm	<p>ACTION Item: Lew Everling will ask for a MOTION to approve the agenda.</p> <p><i>Reference: 2025.05.15 CVP Board Agenda</i></p> <p>Motion: to approve the agenda as presented</p> <p>Made By: Nancy Beenblossom Seconded By: Marsha Platt Board Discussion: None</p> <p>Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.</p>
3. Public Comment (limit of 5 minutes per person) 3:41 p.m.	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: Lew Everling will ask if there is any public comment.</p> <p>Guests present will be asked to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Guest: Liz Melcher, LSI Guest: Lindsey Lauck, LSI Guest: Sarah Boleyn, CCR&R</p> <p>Public Comment: LSI staff will present later in the meeting. Sarah shared that one center is closing and another center will no longer enroll children birth to age two.</p>

<p>4. Welcome New Board Member: Jonathan Grieder 3:41 pm</p>	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: Lew Everling will ask our newest board member Jonathan to tell us a little about himself.</p> <p>Board Discussion: Jonathan shared that he has two children in child care and is a teacher at Waterloo West High School. He is a former city council member in Waterloo and is working on a child care solutions fund for Black Hawk County.</p>
<p>5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting 3:43 p.m.</p>	<p>ACTION ITEM: Lew Everling will ask for a MOTION to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2025, meeting of the CVP Board as presented or as corrected based on Board discussion.</p> <p><i>Reference: 2025.04.17 CVP Board Minutes</i></p> <p>Motion: to approve minutes as presented</p> <p>Made By: Marsha Platt Seconded By: Nancy Beenblossom Board Discussion: None</p> <p>Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>6. Financials 3:44 pm</p>	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: Lew Everling will ask the Board to review the financials provided before the meeting and ask if there are any questions.</p> <p><i>References:</i> <i>FY25 ECI Revenue and Expenditures (first worksheet called Board Overview)</i> <i>Veridian Statement</i> <i>Green Belt Bank Statement</i> <i>CJIDC Credit Card Statement</i> Brenda shared that spending is on track for the fiscal year.</p>
<p>7. Contractor Presentation: LSI Home Visiting and Parent Pals 3:46 pm</p>	<p>(John Berry arrived at 3:46 pm; Joanne Lane arrived at 3:50 pm; Jane Dahlhauser arrived at 4:05 pm)</p> <p>INFORMATION ITEM: Lew Everling will ask the representative from LSI to share about their two programs, home visiting and coordinated intake.</p> <p>Board Discussion: Liz shared that LSI currently has 2 supervisors and 7 home visitors in Black Hawk. They use a three-pronged approach, parent/home visitor, child/home visitor, and parent/child. Screenings are completed and families set goals. Children have developmental screenings and work on transitioning to school. Home visitors do activities at each visit and utilize 6 domains of interaction including analyzing what the families'</p>

	<p>strengths are. Liz shared where they receive referrals for families and that they are currently serving 126 families with 11 of those families being CVP funded. The CVP funded families have 17 total children. With Coordinated Intake, 450 families in the first 3 months of the calendar year were provided information about early childhood services. Their outcomes were shared: 90% of families will improve or maintain healthy family functioning, problem solving and communication; 90% of families will be connected to additional concrete supports; 80% of families will maintain or increase healthy informal social supports; 95% of families will be satisfied with the program services; 85% of families will have improved nurturing or attachment; and 94% of families will not have a confirmed child abuse or neglect report while in the program. Lindsey shared a success story about a mom who had enrolled in services in August, 2023, and was living in an unsafe home with multiple family members. There were issues with the cleanliness of the home with her new baby. The mom recently moved into House of Hope and was able to leave a domestic violence situation. Her home visitor drove her to Iowa Works office and she is now working at Friendship Village. She recently experienced a second pregnancy and received prenatal care at a much earlier point in the pregnancy. Three of LSI's participants recently earned a degree and have been able to move to safer housing and they are also getting referrals to Early Access. Dr. Berry asked about how conversations are held with participants about planning their pregnancies. Liz shared that birth control is part of the curriculum and they do provide education about the timing of additional pregnancies.</p>
<p>8. Review of 3rd Quarter Reports 4:08 pm</p>	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: Lew Everling will ask the board to discuss any questions or concerns with contractors' third quarter reports. The last 4 quarters' reports are kept on our website.</p> <p><i>References:</i> CCNC Q3 Community Partnerships for Facilitated Referrals Q3 Consultation Q3 Essential Needs Q3 LSI Services and Demographics Q3 OT Services and Demographics Q3 Preschool Scholarships Q3 Provider Training Q3 Tri County Services and Demographics Q3 YPT Services and Demographics Q3</p>

	Board Discussion: None
9. Volunteers for FY26 Proposal Review 4:09 pm	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: Lew Everling will ask for volunteers from the board willing to review applications from contractors.</p> <p>Board Discussion: Marsha, Lew, John, and William volunteered. Brenda will ask remaining board members if they are interested as well.</p>
10. Modification of Preschool Scholarship Criteria 4:12 pm	<p>ACTION ITEM: Lew Everling will ask for discussion regarding implementing a co-pay or sliding fee scale option for families above 200% of federal poverty.</p> <p>Motion: to allow families to earn up to 300% of poverty with an extenuating circumstance to qualify for preschool scholarships.</p> <p>Made By: Marsha Platt Seconded By: John Berry</p> <p>Board Discussion: Board members discussed options for using a sliding fee or co-pay but ultimately chose not to do that.</p> <p>Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.</p>
11. Other Discussion or Sharing 4:29 pm	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: Lew Everling will ask if there is any additional discussion or sharing from attenders.</p> <p>Board Discussion: None</p>
12. Adjourn 4:40 pm	<p>Motion: to adjourn</p> <p>Made By: Nancy Beenblossom Seconded By: John Berry</p> <p>Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Time Adjourned: 4:29 pm</p> <p>Next Meeting: June 12, 2025 (this is one week earlier than normal due to Juneteenth celebrations on our regular meeting date.)</p>