

Cedar Valley's Promise Board of Directors
January 16, 2025; 3:30 pm to 4:40 pm

Zoom Meeting

Minutes of the January 16, 2025 Meeting

Agenda Item	Summary
1. Call Meeting to Order 3:34 p.m.	<p>ACTION ITEM: Lew Everling will call the meeting to order. Time Called to Order: 3:34 pm</p> <p>Members needed for Quorum = 5 Members Present and Members Absent:</p> <p>William Aukes Nancy Beenblossom John Berry Vincent Collis Lew Everling Mike Knapp Joanne Lane Marsha Platt Staff: Brenda Loop</p>
2. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda 3:36 pm	<p>ACTION Item: Lew Everling will ask for a MOTION to approve the agenda.</p> <p><i>Reference: 2025.01.16 CVP Board Agenda</i></p> <p>Motion: Motion to approve agenda</p> <p>Made By: William Aukes Seconded By: Marsha Platt Board Discussion: None</p> <p>Outcome: Motion passed unanimously</p>
3. Public Comment (limit of 5 minutes per person) 3:36 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: Sarah Boleyn, CCR&R Guest: Cindy Wolf, BHC Child Care Nurse Consultant</p> <p>Public Comment: None. Both guests will speak later in the agenda.</p>
4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting 3:37 p.m.	<p>ACTION ITEM: Lew Everling will ask for a MOTION to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2024, meeting of the CVP Board as presented or as corrected based on Board discussion.</p>

	<p><i>Reference: 2024.11.21 CVP Board Minutes</i></p> <p>Motion: Motion to approve the November minutes.</p> <p>Made By: William Aukes Seconded By: Joanne Lane Board Discussion: None</p> <p>Outcome: Motion approved unanimously.</p>
5. Financials 3:38 pm	<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></p> <p>We are on track for spending.</p>
6. Contractor Presentation 3:39 pm	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: Lew Everling will ask the representative from Child Care Resource & Referral provide information on their consultation and training program. CCR&R receives a mix of school ready and early childhood funds in the amount of \$291,007.52.</p> <p>Board Discussion: Powerpoint presented to the board regarding the Child Care Resource & Referral system. Three CCR&R Consultants are focusing on providers developing safe spaces for children. There are currently 102 registered home providers in BHC. Recruitment of new home providers a struggle, as it is state-wide. Provider training continues to be a core service. IQ4K Level Achievement replacing the old QRS quality measurement system. Consultant services have evolved in helping providers navigate state grants available to them.</p>
7. Contractor Presentation 3:57 pm	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: Lew Everling will ask the representative from Child Care Nurse Consultant to share information on their services. The CCNC receives funding in the amount of \$76,674.87.</p> <p>Board Discussion: Cindy Wolf, the Child Care Nurse Consultant gave an overview of services being provided in partnership with CCR&R to providers. Services include record review, playground environment & safety, training, individual child health care plans, illnesses (both children</p>

	and staff), safe sleep practices for infants and other technical assistance as requested. Nurse Consultant visits/services are voluntary except providers seeking a IQ4K quality level of 3 or higher or a referral from HHS which requires her evaluation of the space. There is initial resistance, but once they do, they are more prone to seek additional services.
8. Annual Performance Review 4:10 pm	<p>ACTION ITEM: Low Everling will ask the board to review scores and written comments for Brenda's performance evaluation. Recommendation of a 5% raise bringing Brenda's hourly salary to \$32.83 beginning in the pay period 7/1/25 falls in.</p> <p>Motion: Motion to approve the proposed raise and place board performance evaluations of Brenda on file.</p> <p>Made By: William Aukes Seconded By: Nancy Beenblossom Board Discussion: General affirmation of the performance</p> <p>Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.</p>
9. Define FY26 Contracting Process 4:12 pm	<p>ACTION ITEM: Low Everling will ask the board to discuss the plan for contracting for FY26. Brenda is recommending a budget only from programs receiving funds in FY25 and a full application from any programs not currently receiving funds. This is the same process that was used last year. Applications will be released after approval from the state office and accepted until April 17.</p> <p>Motion: Motion to approve to process</p> <p>Made By: William Aukes Seconded by: Joanne Lane</p> <p>Board Discussion: The state ECI office has asked us to hold off on releasing any RFP's or renewals until clarification is received about a change in service types is confirmed.</p> <p>Outcome: Motion approved unanimously</p>
10. Define FY26 Preschool Scholarship Process 4:14 pm	<p>ACTION ITEM: Low Everling will ask the board to discuss keeping the monthly maximum scholarship the same for FY26 (\$600) and keeping all other requirements the same. Last year was the first time we have had a waiting list of families who are eligible.</p> <p>Motion: Motion approved as presented.</p>

	<p>Made By: William Aukes Seconded By: Nancy Beenblossom</p> <p>Board Discussion: None</p> <p>Outcome: Motion approved unanimously</p>
11. Board Application 4:17 pm	<p>ACTION ITEM: <u>Lew Everling</u> will ask for any board discussion on the two board member applications we have from Jonathan Grieder and Jane Dahlhauser. If both are accepted, that would put our board at 10 members and our by-laws allow for a board size between 7 and 23 members. If both are accepted, that would give us a board demographic of 6 men and 4 women. If we could recruit one more female, that would be optimal.</p> <p>Motion: to accept the application from Jonathan Grieder to join the CVP board</p> <p>Made By: Michael Knapp Seconded By: William Aukes Board Discussion: Affirmation statements in favor by various board members.</p> <p>Outcome: Motion approved unanimously</p> <p>Motion: to accept the application from Jane Dahlhauser to join the CVP board</p> <p>Made By: Nancy Beenblossom Seconded By: Marsha Platt</p> <p>Board Discussion: Affirmations expressed by various board members.</p> <p>Outcome: Motion approved unanimously</p>
12. Other Discussion or Sharing 4:21 pm	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: <u>Lew Everling</u> will ask if there is any additional discussion or sharing from attenders.</p> <p>Board Discussion: Brenda will be in Washington DC next month with Iowa AEYC on the same date as the Early Childhood Iowa day at the State Capital. Governor Reynolds is promoting her Continuum of Care program that would provide funding for transportation services for preschools to child care for parents still working. Some of the funds would come out of existing ECI funds. No word as of yet as to what funds will be allocated and how this would affect existing funding for programs if no new funding is provided. State currently sitting on huge</p>

	<p>surplus that could be available for funding should the Governor and Legislature support surplus funds being used. Another program being touted by Governor would expand the pilot program currently assisting child care workers in affording their own child care costs by making it permanent. The ECI structure will be overhauled in the coming year reducing the current 33 areas down to 7. Brenda's position should remain intact as the ECI regions are reviewed for either being combined or counties shifted within the remaining ECI's. Funding for Public Health services still awaiting what will be happening with them.</p>
<p>13. Adjourn 4:40 pm</p>	<p>Motion: Motion to adjourn.</p> <p>Made By: Nancy Beenblossom Seconded By: Marsha Platt</p> <p>Outcome: Motion approved unanimously.</p> <p>Time Adjourned: <u>4:40 pm</u> Next Meeting: April 17, 2025</p>