

Cedar Valley's Promise Board of Directors

June 12, 2025; 3:38 pm to 4:52 pm

Zoom Meeting

Action Agenda

Agenda Item	Summary
<p>1. Call Meeting to Order 3:38 p.m.</p>	<p>ACTION ITEM: Marsha Platt will call the meeting to order. Time Called to Order: 3:38 pm</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>
<p>2. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda 3:38 pm</p>	<p>ACTION Item: Marsha Platt will ask for a MOTION to approve the agenda.</p> <p><i>Reference: 2025.06.12 CVP Board Agenda</i></p> <p>Motion: to approve agenda as presented</p> <p>Made By: Nancy Beenblossom Seconded By: William Aukes Board Discussion: None</p> <p>Outcome: Motion passed unanimously</p>
<p>3. Public Comment (limit of 5 minutes per person) 3:38 p.m.</p>	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: Marsha Platt will ask if there is any public comment.</p> <p>Guests present will be asked to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Guest: Barb Grant, Operation Threshold Guest: Sarah Boleyn, Child Care Resource & Referral Guest: Jennifer Gibbs, Operation Threshold Guest: Brooke Olson, SuccessLink Guest: Jill White, SuccessLink Guest: Joni Spencer, SuccessLink</p>

	Public Comment: Introductions were made.
4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting 3:40 p.m.	<p>ACTION ITEM: Marsha Platt will ask for a MOTION to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2025, meeting of the CVP Board as presented or as corrected based on Board discussion.</p> <p><i>Reference: 2025.05.15 CVP Board Minutes</i></p> <p>Motion: to approve minutes as presented</p> <p>Made By: Jonathan Grieder Seconded By: Nancy Beenblossom Board Discussion: None</p> <p>Outcome: Motion passed unanimously</p>
5. Financials 3:43 pm	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: Marsha Platt 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></p>
6. Contractor Presentation: Operation Threshold Nest 3:45 pm	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: Marsha Platt will ask the representative from Operation Threshold to share about their Nest programs.</p> <p>Jennifer Gibbs is the supervisor for PAT and Nest. Nest is group based parent education and they vary the time of day and day of week that sessions are held. They offer in person and virtual options. The program is designed for expectant parents and those with children up to 5 years of age. Participants earn points for each group session attended and points can be redeemed for baby safety items. Participants can also earn points through other healthy behaviors like well child checks, prenatal appointments, WIC appointments, ELL classes and bringing a support person with them to group. Annually, Operation Threshold holds a parenting fair. This year's was the 18th year. Families can attend and get information from many agencies in one place. They offer door prizes and it's also a networking opportunity for staff from different agencies. Operation Threshold also holds a parent advisory meeting every other month. In person attendance continues to be lower than before the pandemic and there are incentives to attend in person. Staff sometimes are not notified when a participant has</p>

	<p>their baby. 45% of families are enrolled prenatally and 35% are first time parents. This year they have served 69 families with 63 children. 73% of families are at or below 120% of federal poverty. 70% are single parent households. The classes give parents an opportunity to connect with others and uses the PAT evidence based curriculum. A variety of topics are covered. A success story shared was about a gift wrapping program where a participant told staff these 2 toys were the only presents her child would be receiving. They also received thanks from a teen mom who utilized the program and said the staff taught her how to parent.</p> <p>Board Discussion: Dr. Berry asked if they talk to families about family planning and also asked if they talk about financial literacy.</p>
<p>7. Contractor Presentation: Young Parents Together 4:00 pm</p>	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: Marsha Platt will ask the representative from SuccessLink to share about their teen parent program, Young Parents Together.</p> <p>Joni Spencer, Jill White and Brooke Olson have a combined 75 years' experience in teen pregnancy prevention. The program began 35 years ago with some funding from Governor Branstad called \$1 a day. Participants received \$1 a day to prevent a subsequent pregnancy. In 1997, there were 265 teen births in Black Hawk. Since then there has been a significant decline in teen births which leads to higher lifetime earnings, higher graduation rates and increased mom and baby outcomes. Attendance at groups is at a similar number even though there are many fewer births. They plan 38 sessions per year. Relationships formed keep people coming back as well as the perks and support. Grandparents have their own group as well as a dad group. The food bank provides a meal and then participants split into groups for prenatal, newborn, and parenting groups. The prenatal group is facilitated by a former labor and delivery nurse. The newborn group is facilitated by LSI HOPES. The parenting group is facilitated by a former early head start staff. Families receive mental health screenings and hear from agencies regarding partner violence. After the classes, 2 times per month participants get to shop at the food bank. They also receive a gas card and a Walmart card if they attend 5 times in a row. Child care is provided by a retired teacher and additionally part participants can volunteer to help with child care. They also have a Spanish speaker that volunteers as an interpreter. When the teen has their baby, they are able to share their birth story if</p>

	<p>they want. One session per month is offered on zoom and includes community presentations. They also offer a parenting fair. Last year there were 48 teen births. 88% are currently in school or have graduated. 100% of the births were at a healthy birth weight. 55% are people of color. 55% earn \$10,000 per year or less. There are sessions on talking about unplanned subsequent pregnancies. Some teens choose to have additional children. There is lots of technical assistance provided to participants between sessions.</p> <p>Board Discussion: Dr. Berry asked about why birth stories are shared. It's empowerment for the mom's and sometimes it has been a difficult pregnancy and they get to share and answer questions with the nurse also able to clarify. Nancy shared that her past experience as a teen parent and these programs allow bonds between the girls and they can help make informed decisions. Jonathan shared that he is a teacher at West High School and thanked the team for their work. Marsha shared that she was a nurse at Allen Hospital when the original \$1 a day funding started.</p>
8. FY26 Coordination Budget 4:32 pm	<p>ACTION ITEM: Marsha Platt will ask the board to discuss any questions or concerns with the FY26 Coordination budget. This budget reflects the 5% raise approved in January as well as the related increases in costs for benefits. There is a large decrease in professional development since most of Brenda's professional development comes via Iowa AEYC and they cover those expenses. The equipment line item also includes money to purchase a new computer.</p> <p><i>Reference: FY26 Coordination Budget</i></p> <p>Motion: to approve the budget as presented</p> <p>Made By: Jonathan Grieder Seconded By: John Berry</p> <p>Board Discussion: None</p> <p>Outcome: Motion approved unanimously.</p>
9. FY26 Recommendations for Contracting 4:36 pm	<p>ACTION ITEM: Marsha Platt will ask review the recommendations from the committee. Brenda is recommending that we hold off on accepting new/revised applications until the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Reference: Proposal Review Budget FY26</i></p>

	<p>Motion: to approve the funding requests received to date</p> <p>Made By: Nancy Beenblossom Seconded By: John Berry</p> <p>Board Discussion: None</p> <p>Outcome: Motion passed unanimously</p>
10. FY26 Slate of Officers 4:40 pm	<p>ACTION ITEM: Marsha Platt will ask for a motion to approve renewing each of the officer positions for one additional year.</p> <p>Lew Chair Marsha Vice Chair William Treasurer Mike Secretary</p> <p>Motion: to approve the slate of officers as presented</p> <p>Made By: Nancy Beenblossom Seconded By: John Berry</p> <p>Board Discussion: None</p> <p>Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.</p>
11. FY26 Meeting Dates 4:45 pm	<p>ACTION ITEM: Marsha Platt will ask for a motion to approve setting the meeting schedule for FY26. We will schedule meetings in July and August when we typically wouldn't meet in order to have discussions, if needed, about additional contracting opportunities.</p> <p>July 17 August 21 September 11 November 13 January 22 April 16 May 21 June 18</p> <p>Motion: to approve meeting schedule</p> <p>Made By: John Berry Seconded By: Jonathan Grieder</p> <p>Board Discussion: None</p> <p>Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.</p>
12. FY26 Fiscal Agent Agreement	<p>ACTION ITEM: Marsha Platt will ask for a motion to approve renewing the fiscal agent agreement. This</p>

4:46 pm	<p>reflects a \$15 per month increase in fiscal fees and no increase in audit fees.</p> <p><i>Reference: FY26 Fiscal Agent Agreement</i></p> <p>Motion: to approve fiscal agent agreement</p> <p>Made By: Nancy Beenblossom Seconded By: John Berry</p> <p>Board Discussion: None</p> <p>Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.</p>
13. FY26 Employer of Record Agreement 4:48 pm	<p>ACTION ITEM: Marsha Platt will ask for a motion to approve renewing the employer of record agreement. This reflects a \$10 per month increase in employer of record fees.</p> <p><i>Reference: FY26 Employer of Record Agreement</i></p> <p>Motion: to approve renewing the Employer of Record agreement</p> <p>Made By: William Aukes Seconded By: Nancy Beenblossom</p> <p>Board Discussion: None Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.</p>
14. Considerations for Additional Funding 4:49 pm	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: Marsha Platt will share that there are multiple initiatives that we could use remaining funding for and that we discuss these things in detail at the next meeting.</p> <p>Board Discussion: Board members are excited that we have some additional funding available.</p>
15. Other Discussion or Sharing 4:50 pm	<p>INFORMATION ITEM: Marsha Platt will ask if there is any additional discussion or sharing from attenders.</p> <p>Board Discussion: None.</p>
16. Adjourn 4:52 pm	<p>Motion: to adjourn</p> <p>Made By: Jonathan Grieder Seconded By: John Berry Outcome: Meeting adjourned.</p> <p>Time Adjourned: 4:52 pm Next Meeting: July 17</p>