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NECI Board Executive Finance Committee Minutes

Sioux County Office Building
Orange City, IA

March 11, 2010, 11:30 a.m.

I. **Welcome**

Rick welcomed everyone in attendance. Members present: Rick Droog, Jim Henrich, Randy Bosch, David Van Ningen, Mark Leeds, and Shane Walter. Members absent: Mark Sybesma. Staff present: Joyce Vermeer, Takysia Larsen, and Joy Poppema.

II. **Review/Approve Minutes**

Jim made motion to approve minutes, Mark seconded and approved unanimously.

III. **Old Business**

No old business.

IV. **NICE Board Agenda INFORMATION Items**

Joyce explained that the following items will be shared with the NICE Board later in the day at the NICE Board meeting:

- a. Board Membership Diagram
- b. 10% Statewide Cut Results
- c. FY11 Allocation
- d. Staff Activity Log and Training Schedule
- e. Website Use and Bi-Monthly Newsletter
- f. State Reorganization

V. **Executive-Finance ACTION Items**

- a. **Preschool Scholarship Accountability:** Joyce explained that Joy did some spot-checking with programs that participate in the preschool tuition scholarship program. She found that there were a couple programs in which there was a contradiction between what parents say for child's attendance and the preschool attendance record on the preschool claim. All has been rectified and the committee wholly endorses the practice of spot-checking continue for the future.
- b. **Healthy Families Contracting:** Joyce explained that she has explored the option of Cherokee Healthy Families program being a contracted service, as it is with the other three counties, and she shared some pros and cons for doing so. She had some conversation with Cherokee Regional Medical Center (CRMC) who manages Cherokee Public Health to see of possible interest.

The committee expressed endorsement of exploring the option of contracting, but wants to be supportive of the current Healthy Families workers should there be any change. There was some discussion about taking bids should we contract the program out. Joyce stated she received an email from the state saying that bidding is recommended, not required. Committee recommends continuing conversations with CRMC and not exploring taking bids at this time.

VI. **NICE Board Agenda ACTION Items—Ex-Finance**
(Recommendations)

- a. Executive-Finance Committee Make-Up: Joyce explained that there is a new requirement from the state that boards have gender balance as of 2012. It is unsure if that applies to subcommittees of the board as well. Joyce presented a few options for the Executive Finance committee based on this requirement. Discussion followed to consider using the Executive Finance Committee only on an as needed basis, and also being open to inviting others to enhance discussions based on specific agenda items. Committee will address it further at the next meeting
- b. Financials—Early Childhood, School Ready, and ARRA: Joyce explained the financials to date. David made a motion and Mark Sybesma seconded to make a recommendation for approval to the NICE Board.

VII. **NICE Board Agenda ACTION Items—Other**

Joyce explained that these items will be presented to the NICE board for action:


- a. Bylaws
- b. Conflict of Interest Policy and Signatures of Agreement
- c. Empowerment Name Change
- d. Preschool Scholarship Request

VIII. **New Business**

IX. **Next Meeting**—Thursday, May 13, 11:30 a.m.

X. **Adjourn** Rick adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm.

Minutes typed by Takysia Larsen.



Mark Sybesma, Sec'y

6-3-10
Date