



NECI Board Meeting
July 14, 2011
Conference Call
400 Central Ave NW
Orange City, IA
3:00pm

1. Welcome & Introductions

Those in attendance were: Rick Droog, Mark Sybesma, Deb Bagenstos, Jeanne Feeck, Jim Henrich, Joanne Smith, Janice R. Carlson, Randy Bosch, Mark Leeds, David Van Ningen, Bev Hanno, Brenda Jenkins, Coleman Mc Allister, and Kendra Loutsch. Staff present: Takysia Larsen and Joy Poppema. Members not present were: Dale Lint and Shane Walter.

2. Approval of June 30th minutes

The minutes of June 30th were reviewed. Bev made a motion to approve the minutes, Deb seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Approval FY12 budget with final allocation numbers

The final allocation numbers were reviewed on the state budget format. Takysia reported on allocation changes. The two main changes in allocations were: Page 3 School Ready Budget -Preschool Support funding received an additional \$62,084. Of this amount \$5,910 was designated for Nurse Consultant (which places her at 36 hours a week) and the rest was placed into preschool scholarships. In General Aid \$1,863 was moved from General Aid to Administration. In Family Support the carryover of \$6,333.15 from Cherokee & Lyon counties was reallocated and distributed among the four counties.

Jim made a motion to approve the FY12 State budget for School Ready, Early Childhood & Coordination, Mark Leeds seconded, no discussion occurred. Motion carried unanimously, with Kendra Loutsch and Janice R. Carlson abstaining from the vote.

4. Approval of FY12 contracts (Healthy Families, Preschool Tuition Service Agreements, Child Care Nurse Consultant and State contract)

Takysia reviewed the contracts as follows: Healthy Families Contracts includes county specific dollar amounts with actual carryover. Discussion occurred regarding the per visit rate remaining at \$100 due to the decrease in funding. The goal is to increase the per visit rate when there are more funds available. There was a \$46,000 decrease in funding for Parent Support for FY12. Brenda Jenkins made a motion to approve the FY12 contracts for the four counties, Joanne Smith seconded, the motion carried unanimously. Janice R. Carlson abstained from voting.

The preschool service agreements used by preschools to participate in the preschool scholarship program were reviewed. There are 31 preschools that will be participating. A question was raised on the limit of \$210 per scholarship and if that was an average tuition fee charged by preschools. Takysia responded that it is a high rate and most preschools charge less. Brenda made a motion to approve the preschool tuition service agreement, Kendra seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Deb Bagenstos abstained from voting.

The Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC) contract with Mid Sioux was reviewed. Takysia noted that the Nurse Consultant (Deb Baldwin) will be working with centers, preschools and childcare providers in the four counties for 36 hours a week. Deb Bagenstos made a motion to approve the CCNC contract, Bev seconded, motion carried unanimously. Kendra Loutsch abstained from the vote.

The State Agreement was reviewed for approval with the new allocation figures. Mark Sybsema made a motion to approve the State Agreement, Randy Bosch seconded, no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Coleman McAllister left the conference call at 3:22pm.

5. Acceptance of resignation: Julie Schulenberg

A letter of resignation was received from Julie Schulenberg as of July 5th. It was noted that at the Annual Report Review conference call the state team suggested downsizing the board if we so choose. Bev noted as a member of the nominating committee that the board would be in compliance with the by-laws with board membership at 16. Gender and geographic balance should be kept intact if downsizing is done. Mark Leeds made a motion to accept Julie's resignation. Kendra seconded, motion carried unanimously.

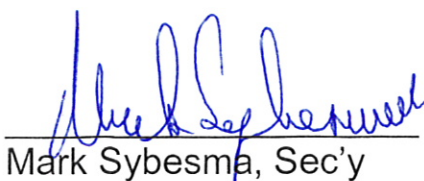
Jeanne made a motion for the nominating committee to come with a recommendation about board size and possible new members to the September meeting, Jim seconded, motion carried unanimously. Takysia will send out an email to the whole board with requests for nominations and then send the nominations to the nominating committee so discussion on the process of downsizing or adding members can be brought to the September 8th meeting.

6. New business: Opportunity for public to bring up items for discussion

Rick thanked the board for taking the time to make this meeting and Takysia and Joy for having everything prepared.

7. Next meeting: Sept 8, 2011 1:00pm, 400 Central Ave NW, Downstairs Conference Room, Orange City, IA

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:33pm



Mark Sybesma, Sec'y