



Minutes
Johnson County Empowerment Area Board Executive Committee
April 28, 2008
4:30-5:30 PM
First Floor Conference Rm/Johnson County Administration Building

Present: Alice Atkinson, Sara Baird, Sally Weyer, Nadine Fisher, Cheryl Whitney, Laurie Nash

Budget Updates

Laurie reported that the legislative proposal to hold Empowerment Boards to a 20% or less carryover will probably be effective beginning with the FY 09 budget year. There has been no change to the state preschool funding this legislative session. There may be changes related to Empowerment Boards and the Healthy ChildCare Nurse Consultant. Currently it is an unfunded mandate for Title V agencies. It will take a few weeks to sort out all the impacts from this legislative session.

Nominating Committee Priorities

The Executive committee endorsed the priorities recommended by the Nominating Committee for the recruitment of new board members. The priorities are to recruit members representative of large businesses, faith based communities, rural/nonIowa City areas of the county, consumers, minority ethnic groups and males.

Grant Application Review and Work Group Progress

We have received funding requests totaling \$462,520. The renewal requests are expected to total \$977,157. This would put us approximately \$200,000 over our anticipated FY 09 budget. This projection is based on a carryover of \$53,000. However, there are several programs that are under spending their budgets. Our actual carryover is likely to be closer to \$140,000 (which would still be under 20%).

Community Plan Update/Redesignation Progress

The Board is not expected to have time to work on the Community Plan update during the May board meeting. The priority for the May meeting will be on funding requests review and approval. Laurie reported that the AdHoc Committee working on redesignation will present survey results at their May 16 meeting. There was an excellent response to the survey.

Program Updates

There are no program concerns to report at this time.

April Board Meeting Agenda

The Executive Committee requested the following items to be placed on the May Board meeting agenda: Nominating Committee Membership; Work Groups' Grant Application Review Process; FY 09 Budget; and under Other: Letters of Support for Clear Creek/Amana and Lone Tree School Districts.

The May Executive Committee meeting will be May 19. The Executive Committee is suggesting that the July meeting be postponed from July 3 to July 10.

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Whitney

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