



**Empowerment Board
Community Awareness Committee**

2/20/2007

Minutes

Attending: Alice Atkinson, Regenia Bailey, Martie Olson, Linda Severson, Sally Stutsman
Martie Olson, facilitating

Day on the Hill—February 7, 2007.

This was a good day and a positive experience. Six people from Johnson County attended.

Key talking points/requests for legislators:

- Early childhood legislation always includes language that will require collaboration with community empowerment areas.
- Funding to support and sustain coordination efforts will contribute to the overall success of community empowerment areas.
- Empowerment areas need consistent funding and an emphasis on local decision making.

Specifically from Johnson County Empowerment

- Consider a raise in the administrative rates to ensure that our Early Childhood Specialist, Laurie Nash, is supported in the increasing amount of services that she provides our programs.

The committee discussed HSB115 and SSB1119—preschool bills. This will be on the Empowerment Board's March 1 agenda.

League Forum—March 31, 2007

Checklist

- Display Board—Martie will be in charge of board; Regenia will check and see about a table to set this up.
- Food
- Questions—Executive Committee will develop questions
- Banner—Linda

The next Community Awareness Committee will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the First Floor Conference Room, County Administration Building @ 913 S Dubuque Street, Iowa City.