



Johnson County Empowerment Area Board Executive Committee
May 19, 2008
4:30-5:30 PM
First Floor Conference Room/Johnson County Administration Building

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

Grant application and renewals:

Several issues have come up in the committee reviews of grants applications and renewals. NCJC has made a major change in their application for renewal. No application was made for renewing the ELL program (2nd year of a 3 year renewal status) and a large increase (123%) was requested for the Wraparound program. Little documentation or justification was made in the application for these changes. The ELL program addresses a number of targets (0 – 3 year children, minority families, second language) that the Wraparound program does not include and the programs are two separate contracts. Based on 3rd quarter reports, the workgroup felt that the programs had been effective this year. The Head Start renewal request is for a 3% increase.

The VNA program has requested \$20,000 but they have only spent \$12,000 in each of the past three years. The recommendation will be to grant \$12,000 this year.

As far as is known at this point, JCE will be required by the state to contract with Johnson County Public Health for funds for the Nurse Consultant. Final details are not yet known. One idea is to fund her attendance at a playground conference.

It appears that we will be short of funds this year when comparing renewal and grant application requests with funds available. Laurie was asked to prepare a written sheet with some of the basic figures and amounts to help board members weigh the options.

Budget updates: JCE will receive approximately \$35,000 (\$33,520) less from the state in the School Ready budget and \$30,000 (\$38,487) more in the Early Child budget with a total reduction of \$5,000 (*total increase of \$4,967*). The reason for these changes appears to be the use of different formulas in figuring allowed amounts.

It will not be possible to use direct deposit for state funds as they must be deposited in the county account instead of in the Empowerment account.

Community Plan Update: The Ad Hoc Committee met this week for a presentation by Ulrike Schultz of the results from a survey of parents and professionals regarding community needs and preferences. Ulrike will be able to present the information to the Board in the July meeting. The Community Plan is due September 15 and must be approved by the Board. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet once more to compare the survey results with the current Community Plan.

Program updates: The Family Support Program will likely run out of money before the end of the year. The Continue Care program *should* be okay until June when the State Child Care assistance program stops providing funds for students.

The July Board meeting will be moved from July 3 to July 10 because of the 4th of July holiday. The Executive Committee meeting will be on June 30.

Grant readers are asked to return binders to Laurie or Alicia for use next year.