



**Johnson County Empowerment Area Board
Meeting Minutes----December 3, 2009
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Mercy Medical Plaza---Iowa City, Iowa**

Members Present: Corey Watt, Sally Weyer, Sara Baird, Alice Atkinson, Lance Bolton, Cheryl Whitney, Jill Dodds, Nadine Fisher, Pat Kelley, Samuel Kinzer, Carol Nordquist, Ulrike Schultz, Nancy Chown, Terri McGraw, Phyllis Tucker, Justine Retz, Carlette Washington-Hoagland
Staff: Laurie Nash
Guests: Diane Dingbaum

Consent Agenda:

1. Quorum – 17 members present--quorum reached
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Accept Budget Reports
4. Accept September Board Meeting Minutes
5. Accept Committee/Work Group Reports

Corey Watt brought the meeting to order and noted presence of a quorum. He noted that the November meeting had an attendance of 10 members which was actually one less than a quorum. Laurie stated that she asked for clarification from the State TA team following the meeting and had also reviewed our by-laws and found that our quorum definition is 50% plus 1 which results in 11 being our current quorum number. Agenda approved on motion of Weyer, 2nd by Kelley. Budget Reports approved on motion of Baird, 2nd by Fisher. October and November minutes approved on motion of Nordquist, 2nd by Schultz. Committee reports approved on motion of Atkinson and 2nd by Weyer.

FY 2010 Amended Budget and Budget for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Allocation for Infant and Toddler Care Quality:

Laurie asked that the Board take action to approve these budgets as a follow-up to action taken in November when a quorum was not present. Our FY 2010 School Ready and Early Childhood budgets were reduced due to the State across the board budget cuts. Our ARRA budget was increased because not all area boards accepted the funds. Revised budgets had been distributed to the Board. These revised budgets were approved on motion of Weyer and 2nd by Nordquist. Abstaining from the vote were members with a conflict of interest: Tucker, McGraw, Chown, Parker, Retz. Washington –Hoagland was not present for this vote.

Approve By-Laws Amendment:

Laurie presented the changes to our by-laws which were distributed as part of the packet for this meeting. Kelley moved to approve the revised by-laws with a 2nd by Kinzer. The vote to approve was unanimous.

ARRA policies and appeals/Early Ed Work Group Recommendation:

The proposed appeal policy was presented and discussed. Laurie made revisions to the policy based on suggestions by board members. The revised policy was approved on motion of Dodds, 2nd by Weyer, and a unanimous vote.

Graduate student eligibility for programs/Early Ed Work Group Recommendation:

The work group's recommendation was presented. Whitney moved to not take action on this agenda item. Dodds made the 2nd and the vote for the motion was unanimous.

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Information Items:

Obesity Task Force Pledge: Laurie reported that Chairman Watt signed the pledge of support and participation and that Health Work Group members Chuck Hesse and Pete Wallace volunteered to represent Empowerment on the Task Force.

Attendance and Quorum issues for the Board: Laurie asked that members respond to the Meeting Wizard to help ensure that members are alerted if a quorum is not possible.

Mediation Update: Laurie reported that a conference call with Anne Tucker is scheduled for Tuesday December 8 from 9 AM to 10 AM. Members can participate by coming to Laurie's office or by asking to participate by phone. The mediation session is scheduled for December 15. Tucker has donated her time for the conference call and for a 1 hour mediation session.

2010 Meeting Schedule (Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18): Laurie noted the change in meeting dates to the 3rd Thursday. She stated that we will be able to continue to meet at Mercy Medical Plaza but will need to use a 1st floor conference room on some occasions.

Other Business/Announcements/Public Comment:

Nothing was presented for other business/announcements.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM with motion by Weyer and 2nd by Nordquist.

Submitted by Cheryl Whitney

Questions should be directed to Corey Watt at coreywatt@hotmail.com