



Minutes

Johnson County Empowerment Board Early Education Work Group

November 19, 2009

5:45 – 7:00 pm

Johnson County Health and Human Services Building
Conference Room 202A
855 S Dubuque Street, Iowa City

Present: Charlie Eastham, Laurie Nash, Justine Retz, Alice Atkinson, Carlette Washington-Hoagland, Corey Watt

Guests: Diane Dingbaum JC Neighborhood Ctrs, Shannon Ortiz

Recommendations:

ARRA money will be used to fund “empty slots” as the unfunded portion of a full-time slot only where the other portion is occupied by a child participating in the ARRA program.

Include eligibility for graduate students for Bridge and Continue Care for a one year period with extension of eligibility requiring affirmative Board action.

Establish a clear applicant appeals process for the Bridge Care, Continue Care, and SRS programs.

- 1) Introductions – Shannon Ortiz
- 2) Reviewed and approved October meeting minutes
- 3) Information Items – Justine stated that the recent 4C’s conference was very successful with some 100 or more participants over last year.
- 4) Discussion Items
 - a) ARRA (federal stimulus) – see recommendation a. below
 - b) Grad student eligibility for Bridge, Continue Care and SRS – extensive discussion
- 5) Recommendations to Board

- a) ARRA (federal stimulus) – revised as per email from Laurie that unoccupied slots are only eligible for ARRA funds when the occupied part is by a ARRA participating child; to be presented to Board by Laurie
 - b) Grad student eligibility for Bridge, Continue Care and SRS – recommended, generally, that the Board include eligibility for graduate students for Bridge and Continue Care for a one year period with extension of eligibility requiring affirmative Board action; Justine and Alice to present recommendation to Board referring to Laurie’s notes of the workgroup discussion and recommendation.
 - c) Appeal Process Bridge, Continue Care and SRS – recommendation as per previous discussions and draft from Laurie; the Board’s role in an appeal will be clarified at the time of making the recommendation.
- 6) First quarter program reviews
- a) ICCSD, by Jill Dodds and Charlie Eastham. Jill sent an email to Laurie asking a budget question. Charlie had no concerns with the report.
 - b) Lone Tree, by Jill and Alice. Both raised a question for Laurie about A/S data in the report.
- 7) Announcements – Laurie will request open dates from workgroup current and prospective members to change our meeting date from the third Thursday.
- 8) Preliminary agenda items for Dec. 17 meeting
- a) change workgroup meeting date;
 - b) revise assignment of workgroup members for specific programs to review;
 - c) complete 1st quarter program reviews;
 - d) discuss 2011 funding priorities with consideration of possible State funding amounts.

Submitted by Charlie Eastham