

**Johnson County Empowerment-Early Childhood Iowa Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 7, 2023**  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Members present:** Cheryl Collins (6:35pm), TyJuan Connell, Jon Green, Richard Lipman, Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor, Joan Tephly, Angel Taylor

**Members absent:** Rick Leyendecker, Marguarite Oetting, Lori Roetlin, Susan Wall

**Staff Present:** Samantha Turnbull, Laurie Nash

**Guests:** Rachel Plews, Christi Regan, Jessie Harper, Lorri Hora

**1. Call Meeting to Order, Establish Quorum, and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes [Board Action]**

Board Chair Angel Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Attendance was taken, and a quorum was recognized with 7 of 11 members present. Minutes from August 17, 2023 were reviewed and Richard Lipman moved to approve them. Cheryl Collins seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

**2. Public Comment: No Public Comment**

**3. Director's Report**

**Statewide**

-HHS is working on its service delivery assessment

**Local**

-July financials are in the board packet

-19 Preschool scholarships have been approved. With approved applications we have \$56,505 allocated out of our \$60,000 budget. Suggested this line item be increased.

- Currently Sam not able to do car seat installs. Will meet with Laurie to determine options.

**Committee schedules:**

- **Early Ed Work Group** (Joan and Cheryl board liaisons): No Report

- **Parent Ed Work Group** (Emily board liaison): First Monday of every other month 1-2 pm. No Report

**Community Collaboration:**

-School Readiness Summit to be held bringing early childhood educators, schools and GWAEA together. Board asked to fund speaker fees.

**4. Annual Report Presentation and Approval (Board Action)**

Sam gave a power point presentation of the Annual Report showing program performance based on our results areas, priorities and indicators including comparison over the past three years. Concern was brought up regarding current ability to install car seats. Board discussed importance of installing and options for installation including referring to other resources and Saturday clinics.

Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor moved to approve the annual report. Cheryl Collins seconded. Passed unanimously

**5. Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards Membership and Fees (Board Discussion)**

Since the board has voted to join the Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards, 10% of the dues or \$102.00 needs to be fundraised to support the lobbyists. Ideas included donations, a bake sale or a restaurant fundraising evening. Sam will send information to the board to decide how to fund.

**6. FY23 Budget (Board Action) - No changes and no action required**

**7. FY24 Budget/Allocate Carryforward (Board Action)**

Richard Lipman moved and Angel Taylor seconded a motion to increase funding of preschool scholarships to \$70000.00. Passed unanimously.

Cheryl Collins moved and Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor seconded to allocate \$3000.00 for speaker fees at the School Readiness Summit. Passed unanimously.

**9. Adjourn: Angel Taylor moved to adjourn at 7:13pm. Richard Lipman seconded. Passed unanimously.**

**Submitted by Board Secretary, Cheryl Collins**

**Next Executive Committee Meeting: October 9, 2023**

**Upcoming Board Meetings: October 19, 2023**