



Ida County Early Childhood Committee Meeting
Siouxland Human Investment Partnership
MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time: Thursday, December 9, 2021 2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Meeting Site:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89904297029?pwd=MWlyczZRa283VE5MbzYrSzB5dKxzZz09>

Attendees: Shelly Conover, Megan Miller, Lexy Klemish, Linsey Gilbert,

Staff Present: Kerri Hall

- Legislative Updates
 - 89th Iowa General Assembly
 - 2022 Legislative Session

The first day of Iowa Legislative Session will be January 10, 2022. The Committee reviewed the Association of ECI Area Boards and Advocates Legislative Agenda. Erika Fuentes serves on the Iowa Governor's Child Care Task Force and was able to provide an update about what recommendations we can expect to come out of the Task Force. Governor Reynolds is anticipated to prioritize these recommendations.

- Iowa Department of Management
 - Early Childhood Iowa Bi-Monthly Meeting
 - Update

National Family Support Certification Exam

Deadline is December 31, 2021

Exam Waiver:

Any home visitor that is seeking a waiver to extend the time they have to prepare for the exam, must have their waiver submitted by December 15, 2021 close of business.

WHO:

First Group: Family Support Direct Service Professionals that were hired on or before January 1, 2021 that have NOT earned the National Family Support Certification by December 31, 2021.

Second Group: Anyone that was hired between January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 that has NOT earned the National Family Support Certification and is concerned that they will not earn it by March 30, 2022.

The waiver is specifically for persons that may have difficulty with achieving a passing score and could benefit from more preparation time. To be successful in being granted a waiver, persons seeking the waiver must take advantage of the numerous supports available to them prior to submitting the waiver request.

Ebonie Bailey - Iowa Black Doula Collective

- <https://www.facebook.com/IowaBlackDoulas>
 - Doula Bag videos are available to provide further information
- Jazzmine Brooks: ibdoulascollective@gmail.com
- Ebonie Bailey: naturallyebonie@gmail.com

CCNC -- Update

HCCI/CCNC MCAH SPM3 Overview PDF link on the HCCI website at

<https://www.idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants>

This document includes information about the 25 year history of the HCCI program, child care in Iowa, Child Care Nurse Consultant services and FY21 performance measure data. Thank you to all of our local CCNCs for their excellent work this past year and throughout the pandemic!

The following have also been updated on the HCCI website

<https://www.idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants>

- HCCI/CCNC Map (with contact information)
- Sample CCNC MOU for FY22

Family Surveys -- please share email from Amanda

Dear Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholder:

As you may be aware, Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) leads the state-wide collaborative efforts involving education, health, and human services programs to improve results for families with young children, ages 0- 5 years.

Early Childhood Iowa would like to collect feedback from families with young children about their experiences with early childhood programs. The information collected will help us continue improving services so that families have access to what they need, when they need it in our area. Your input is important, and will be kept completely confidential. Whether you choose to participate or not, your services will not be impacted in any way.

Here is a link to an anonymous survey which should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. The survey can be completed in English or Spanish. We would greatly appreciate your feedback. There is also a QR Code that can be scanned easily to send you to the survey.

https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8J8J8PxxwMEacrie

Thank you for your input.

If you have questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your participation in this process to help recruit family voices is greatly appreciated.

CCR&R Update - Melissa Juhl

- IQ4K roll out preparations are underway
- Iowa Women's Foundation announced a new funding opportunity today for child care centers for on-going costs (more details to come via email)

ECI Annual Report Information - by Service Type

- The ECI TA Team has reviewed and approved all 38 local area annual reports. This month updated service type spreadsheets will be used for the ECI FY21 Annual Report. These spreadsheets will be shared with area directors once available per these updates as a reference/resource. (email will be sent out next week)
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CC Taskforce Webinar - Dec 16 ; 1:30-3:00pm

This webinar will highlight activities that are being implemented to support the Governor's Child Care Task Force Report that was released in November. Participants will learn about specific programs that are being planned and why these efforts are prioritized at this time.

- Ida County
 - Early Childhood Programs
 - Updates

Shelly Conover – Northwest Area Education Agency: Upcoming Human Trafficking Training Certification – stand by for the date. Centering on Centers (January 28th and 29th of 2022) is complicated because of Hilton Garden Inn Hotel mandate that anyone who stays or holds a conference that uses public dollars must comply.

Kinder Fest June 17th and 18th. Was suggested to have Kids Fest at that time as well.

Linsey Gilbert – Community Action Agency of Siouxland: Kidzone and Little Raptures are struggling with staff. They are contacting parents asking what days they can keep their children home to try to stay in ratio. There are DHS dollars for programs that increase slots. Right now they are pulling high school students to fill the gaps

Megan Miller – Siouxland District Health Department HOPES: Having trouble recruiting in Ida.

Lexy Klemish - Siouxland District Health Department HOPES Program: Ida recruitment issues compounded by the fact that they are not allowed to approach WIC families because of confidentiality. SDHD HOPES is looking to fill 15 more slots (Lutheran Services in Iowa received funding for 5 more slots). They are looking for Bilingual Spanish or French speaking family support worker.

Baily Hill – Child Care Resource and Referral: The governor’s task force released money for 2 grants for child care providers: Stabilization Grants and the Child Care Challenge Grants. Information about these grants can be found on DHS’s website. DHS has updated some of their rules and regulations including ratios for children in Child Development Homes, all the information can be found here: https://iowaccrr.org/blog/2021/11/29/news/2022_update_for_cdh_providers/ar/2532/. CCR&R is offering the NAPSACC incentive program again this year and will be working with a few programs in Ida County. The Quality Rating System will officially be changing over to IQ4K (Iowa Quality 4 Kids) on April 1, 2022. Any providers who expire after April 1st, will be required to renew in the new system. The entire system has been reworked and will now be entirely online.

- Agency Updates / Other Business

Kerri Hall - SHIP Ida/Woodbury ECI RFP

ECI RFP SFY 2022

Timeline (Tentative):

TIMELINE OF SUBMISSION AND GRANT REVIEW PROCESS (Draft)
ECI FY2023

- Wednesday, February 2, 2022 - RFP Release Date (Tentative)
- Wednesday, February 9, 2022 - RFP ECI Bidders Conference
- Tuesday, March 15, 2022 – **Application Submission Deadline 4:30 PM**
- Tuesday, March 22, 2022 – Grant Review process begins
- TBD, May XX, 2022 - Grant Review Meeting @ Northwest AEA – Room G or Zoom (New Location?)
- Friday, May 20, 2022 - SHIP Board of Directors meeting with final approval of committee recommendations
- Monday, May 23, 2021 - Funding notifications (pending state budget allocation)

SHIP ECI team is redesigning the RFP/RFA process, application, grant review, policies, and procedures

SHIP ECI Designation (Every 4 Years)

Last Designation was SFY 2020 – we were given an extension for Covid

Next Designation - Submit Materials October 31, 2024 (Mid-Cycle April – October 2022)

This next RFP will be written for 3 years for FY2023 through FY2025

So that the new SHIP ECI RFP will then be written for (4 years) SFY 2026 through SFY 2030 that will then align with the next Designation

- Next Meeting is February 10, 2022