



## Ida County Early Childhood Iowa Committee Meeting

Siouxland Human Investment Partnership  
Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: May 12, 2021 2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Meeting Site:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88357488726?pwd=ZURMaUpqVXZsTHRaQ1JBTUxwRXd3UT09>

Attendees: Brenna Franken, Shelly Conover, Lexy Klemish, Megan Miller, Linsey Gilbert, Bailey Hill, Rebekah Hungate, Libby Luken, Rebecca Burns

- Legislative Updates
  - Association of ECI Area Boards
    - Legislative Agenda

Bills that committee is following;

- - HF230 - Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit Cliff
  - HF260 - Number of Children in a Child Care Home
  - HF292 - Child Care Provider Rate Increase
  - HF301 - Child Care Workforce Grants Program
  - HF302 - State CCA Phase-Out Program
  - HF370 - Employer Child Care Tax Credit

The Iowa House of Representative has proposed a bill that would increase ECI dollars by 1% and the Iowa Senate has proposed a 2.4% increase in ECI funding. The increases are still being debated.

The Iowa Legislative Session will go into the second week of overtime May 17, 2021

- Iowa Department of Management
  - Early Childhood Iowa State Structure
    - Updates
- Ida & Woodbury Counties
  - Early Childhood Programs
    - Updates

- Agency Updates / Other Business

**Lexy Klemish – Siouxland District Health Department (SDHD):**

HOPES and MIECHV staff attended the virtual 2021 Prevent Child Abuse Conference and found it very informative. Looking forward to it being in person next year.

Mass vaccination clinics are wrapping up.

Although Early Childhood Iowa has given permission to return to in person home visitation, Iowa Department of Human Services (IDPH) has not yet changed their protocol for MIECHV funding and so they are still providing services virtually. HOPES is currently serving three families in Ida County and they are not recruiting at the moment due to Covid-19.

**Kendra Rensink – Mid-Sioux Opportunity:**

Ida County Preschool: May 20, 2021 is the last day of classes. The preschool has received way more applications for next year than the 8 slots awarded by SHIP ECI funding.

Covid Funding update: New awning over the front door so parents do not have to wait in the elements at drop-off and pick-up,

Kid-zone added a new parking lot and received a grant for new windows and siding.

State Early Head Start now allowing them to see one family in-person per week.

**Brenna Franken – Northwest Area Education Agency (NWAEA):**

Early Access is now allowing them to provide services to one family per day. There is a lot of professional development training offered on the NWAEA website.

**Shelly Conover - Northwest Area Education Agency (NWAEA):**

Finalizing the details for Centering on Centers Conference to be held January 28 & 29, 2022. They are pretty excited about the speakers they have booked.

Intentional Teacher Training will be held a face-to-face and also have a virtual option.

**Baily Hill – Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R):**

Investing in Child Care Funding: child cares can apply for expansion and start-up, but they need to receive permission to open to be eligible. Started with \$12 million / \$2 - \$3 million per county for all 23 counties for the Mid-Sioux Child Care Resource & Referral Region. Funding is first-come first-serve. DHS may have more funding set aside that they may allocate in the future.

