



Ida County Early Childhood Iowa Committee Meeting

Siouxland Human Investment Partnership
Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: February 25, 2021 2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Meeting Site:

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

Attendees: Brenna Franken, Dick Sievers, Lexy Klemish, Megan Miller, Linsey Gilbert, Bailey Hill, Rebekah Hungate, Jen Derby-Parent, Shelby Marsden, Rebecca Burns

- Legislative Updates
 - Association of ECI Area Boards
 - Legislative Agenda
- Iowa Department of Management
 - Early Childhood Iowa State Structure
 - Updates
- Ida & Woodbury Counties
 - Early Childhood Programs
 - Updates
- Ida/Woodbury County
 - Community Plan
 - Priorities and Indicators
 - Finalize

Committee spent the entire meeting speaking about Community Priorities and Indicators;

Accessible, Affordable Quality Childcare- are these still our most important priorities?

-IQ4K will be rolling out so we will asterisk where it says QRS Level 3

-Still need more providers-issue at centers is staffing (room for more kids but can't find enough staff)

-What happens to number of childcare slots? Childcare bills may have made it through legis. Some bills will pass-as of today hard to say which will pass.

-Increase number of qualified, educated providers/slots

Accessible, Affordable Quality Preschools-

- keep same
- asterisk where it says QRS Level 3

Healthy Children- add children's mental health, all other still relevant. Access to dental care and children's mental health- realign the bullets:

- Dental care
 - Mental Health
 - Medical home/Medical insurance
 - Confirmed/Founded Child Abuse
 - Children screened for dev delay
 - births to mothers under age 20
- (Remove *)

Discussed QRS Ratings

- 5 active providers (1 home, 2 centers, 1 head start, 1 preschool in Holstein Wee Wisdom)
- Extended deadlines

Community plan-

Anything stand out?

- things we talked about today are on the plan and discussed at the meeting
- better relationships with community partners to get the info we need for this document
- A lot of info was gathered prior to the meeting
- Kerri, few tweaks, plan now finalized
- Fiscal assessment is what is used to present to legis.
- Mandatory registration-would be good, we have many unregistered daycares in Ida Co.
- Raise number from 5 to 7 is in the works (Bailey)

Kerri will bring the below ideas/changes/etc. to Woodbury Co. Committee and then back to Ida Co. Committee before it goes to the board.

SHIP received notification that they have been Redesignated as ECI Area Board Petition board-- 3,4, or 5 year RFP (instead of every 2 years)

1. Accessible, Affordable Quality Child Care

- ✓ **% of providers with QRS Level 3 or higher (* will be revisited once IQ4K, the new quality rating system is launched)**
- ✓ **% of regulated programs / providers**
- ✓ **% of average median income that parents pay for child care**

2. Accessible, Affordable Quality Preschool

- ✓ **% of providers with QRS Level 3 or higher (* will be revisited once IQ4K, the new quality rating system is launched)**
- ✓ **% of all providers are QPPS-verified, Head Start standards**
- ✓ **% of preschoolers ready for kindergarten**

- ✓ **# of quality slots available for 3-year-olds**

3. Healthy Children*

- ✓ **# of children receiving dental screens prior to kindergarten**
- ✓ **% of children whose mental health is being prioritized** **Ida Co. Committee recommended to establish a baseline of what type of data is being collected for infant and early childhood mental health to create a better understanding of what needs to be collected in the future**
- ✓ **% of families with a medical home / medical insurance**
- ✓ **incidence (rate per thousand) of confirmed/founded child abuse (age 0 – 5)**
- ✓ **% of children screened for developmental delays that are referred on for additional services**
- ✓ **% of births to mothers under age 20**
Ida Co. committee recommended to place these indicators in this specific order of priority

- Agency Updates / Other Business

- Adjourn

- Next Meeting is Thursday March 11, 2021