



Woodbury County Early Childhood Committee Meeting

Siouxland Human Investment Partnership
MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time: Thursday December 1, 2022 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Meeting Site:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88618420104?pwd=eGdJNmtzbEQ3Nm5lNXJwOU9SMk1Ldz09>

Attendees: Erika Fuentes, Jennifer Weber, Sue Moran, Linsey Gilbert, Mallory Berkenpas, Amber Searls, Rachael Ostermyer, Lexy Klemish, Amber Kollman, Stacy Eldridge

Staff Present: Kerri Hall

Guest: McKinley Bailey

- Legislative Updates
 - PDG
 - AEIABA Priority Agenda
 - Updates

McKinley Bailey, Board President of the Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards and Advocates explained the intricacies of the PDG Grant Process. McKinley also detailed the Association Legislative Priority Agenda for the 2023 General Assembly.

- Iowa DOM/Iowa DHHS
 - Early Childhood Iowa
 - Future Changes

McKinley Bailey, Board President of AEIABA provided updates relating to the IDPH/HHS alignment. Early Childhood Iowa is currently within Family Wellbeing and Protection in the new HHS structure that will be under the direction of Janey Harvey.

- Woodbury County/SHIP
 - ECI
 - Updates

November 1st Political Forum – Child Care Workforce & Legislation

Breakfast with Dawn Oliver Wiand and Ann Parker

Cohosted a political forum with Iowa Woman's Foundation, Mid-Sioux Opportunity, and Save the Children Action Network

7 policy makers from Ida and Woodbury Counties attended the event

Attendees traveled from Des Moines, Iowa City, Fort Dodge, Remsen, etc.

Presenters:

Lea Greathouse, Vice President of Mission, Marketing and Foundation, Mercy One Kids Kampus

Erika Fuentes, Director of Child Development Programs, Crittenton Center

Peggy Smith, Senior Manager Health & Benefits, Wells Enterprises, Inc.

Alisha Rinker, Personal Trust Relationship Manager, Security National Bank

November 9th and 10th Annual Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards and Advocates Conference

Attended the Evening Social and Conference with SHIP's Ida/Woodbury Counties ECI Delegate Chief Rex Mueller, Sioux City Police Department and the Keynote Speaker Dr. Ryan Allen, Lumin Therapy

November 4, 2022 ECI State Board Quarterly Meeting

The following tools have been updated to the ECI website, Systems, Local System, Find Toolkit Resources:

Tool O - Statewide Performance Measures (current & July 1, 2023 updates) - ECI State Board approved on 11/4/2022

Tool G Technical Update for Mileage & Reimbursement references

Tool H- ECI Fiscal Clarifications - Technical Update for Mileage & Reimbursement references

The ECI State Board The ECI State Board met on September 7, 2022. The board meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting via Zoom virtual meeting and in person. All were welcome to attend/listen in through Zoom or in Room 517/518 of the Lucas State Office Building. There were over sixty attendees throughout the meeting. Topics Included:

- Update and overview of ECI Strategic Planning Process; we are on target to have an updated strategic plan to approve in January 2023
- Iowa HHS Update and ECI Office Update the new structure
- Update from the Linn County ECI Area Board
- Overview presentation from Prevent Child Abuse Iowa that provided alignment with the ECI Strategic Plan and state and local examples of partnerships
- An overview of a grant opportunity called Preschool Development B-5 Renewal Grant. The ECI State Office has convened a multi-agency team to generate ideas for building on Iowa's recent early childhood system work.
- Family Support update about receiving a MIECHV Innovation Grant The board meets again on November 4, 2022. The board will be meeting via a hybrid model again. Handouts from the meetings are available by contacting the ECI State Office. Minutes for the ECI State Board are available at: <https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/meeting-agendas-and-minutes> or by contacting the ECI State Office. 2023 ECI State Board Meeting Dates: January 6, March 3, June 2, September 8, November 3 2 FY '22 ECI State Board Committees Name of Group Members Activities and Products Staff Support

Appeal No activity currently Shanell Wagler Nominating Committee San Wong No activity currently Shanell Wagler Bylaws Committee Completed update/adoption of bylaws in November 2021 In November, 2022 - ask for new volunteers to review the bylaws Shanell Wagler Shared Services/Child Care Management System Update Updates about this project are shared with the ECI State Board at their meetings. It is a project focused on various strategies to support the business-side of child care and to promote the use of modern technology/automation whenever possible. General updates about this project are shared monthly and added to the ECI website at the link below. The ECI State Office has a contract with HHS to implement this multi-pronged project. It includes many partners: local, state and contractors from across the United States. A detailed presentation is planned for January 2023.

<https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/workforce-support-Webinars/Statewide>

Meetings/Presentations Iowa AEYC's Fall Institute – Sept 29-October 1 Children's Behavioral Health Systems Board and Committee Work - September 13, November 18 ECI Steering Committee/Stakeholders Alliance – September 4, 13, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 ECI State Board - September 9, Nov 4 ECI State Agency Leadership - Sept. 6, 11, Oct. 12, 24 ECI PBIS Leadership, EC-PBIS Implementation Items and Local Discussions: Sept 8, Nov 10 I2D2 – Data-related discussions – Sept 2, October 4 IQ4K - QRIS Oversight Team -Sept 15, Nov 14 Shared Services Discussions - multiple meetings conducted weekly to implement the entire project Preschool Development Grant 0-5 Preparation - Multiple hours of working with a core writing team and process for preparation to submit Child Welfare, CPPC, ICAP, and child care collaborative conversations ongoing 3 Technical Assistance/Site Visits/Attending local board meetings: Technical Assistance and Local Visits:

- Glidden Child Care Center - October 25 - walk through new center
- Mid-Cycle Review with Area Board (P4F - November 17)
- BooSt - October 25 and November 1
- BVCS - Sept 12
- HAWC - October 6, 18 Technical Assistance Webinars for Area Directors in Response to COVID-19 began through regular scheduled Zoom meetings. We have found this to be an effective strategy. Meetings have continued through bi-monthly opportunities. Technical assistance and peer sharing are the purpose of the meetings. Topics developed by state and area directors; sharing of ideas and presentations based on topic and need. Topics include updates from Child Care Resource and Referral, Child Care Nurse Consultant System, Family Support, ECI Area Director Sharing, community planning, etc. ECI Area Director Technical Assistance Meetings: September 15, 27, October 11, Nov 7, 22 In addition, HHS continues to host Lunch/Learns and Snack and Share opportunities for family support workers as well as other early childhood workers to attend technical assistance meetings each week. Designation Update: ECI TA Team is finishing their Mid-Cycle Reviews from last year (see below) and we have begun reviews for the new areas. We are also receiving audit reports and begin reviewing those this spring. Mid-Cycle review for this year and the past year includes review of two contracts (includes complete contracting process from RFP, to invoices and monitoring), two months of meeting minutes and related written policies. Mid-Cycles for April-September 2021

- Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac (tf)
- Harrison, Monona, Shelby (jo) Mid-Cycle review for 2022
- Adair Dallas Madison Warren - AW
- Cedar Jones - AW

- Allamakee Clayton Howard Winneshiek - AW
- Dubuque - AW
- Audubon Carroll Greene Guthrie - SW- completed
- Hardin Marshall - JO 4
- Black Hawk - TF
- Ida Woodbury - SW (in process)
- Calhoun Pocahontas Webster - SW (in process)
- Iowa Jefferson Keokuk - SW ECI areas due for onsite visit - submit updated community plans by October 31. ECI State Board members will be encouraged to join a designation meeting once dates are confirmed. Designation Meetings - winter of 2022-2023
- Benton Tama
- Boone Story
- Bremer, Butler, Franklin, Grundy
- Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Worth- December 8 (11-12 - community partners and 12:30-2 - board)
- Chickasaw, Floyd, Mitchell
- Clarke, Decatur, Wayne
- Clay, Dickinson, O'Brien, Osceola
- Des Moines, Henry, Louisa, Washington
- Polk - December 21 (10:30-11:30 community partners and 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.) Annual Report Information Reviewed -- As a part of the designation process. ECI Areas annually submit (by September 15) data and other information that supports items in the Iowa Code and/or guidance adopted by the ECI State Board. As a part of the process, the ECI Technical Assistance team reviews the reports submitted and provides feedback to the area board. This work began in October. Audit Review - The ECI TA Team has also begun reviewing FY '22 audits/agreed upon procedures for ECI area boards. As part of the process, a review form is completed and sent back to the board. If there are any discrepancies between the reports, it is addressed. ECI Stakeholders Alliance Meeting: The Alliance will meet via Zoom on September 13, 2022 from 9:00am to 11:00am. During this meeting stakeholders broke into small groups to focus on each of the five strategic plan goals. An electronic worksheet was utilized to capture feedback for strategies and action steps for each of the goals. The worksheet was the same format the ECI State Board utilized during their September 9, 2022 meeting. The purpose of the Alliance includes:
 - Overseeing/providing input into the development of a comprehensive, integrated early childhood system for Iowa that meets the needs of children ages 0-5 and families, and integrates the early learning; health, mental health and nutrition; family support and special needs/early intervention systems
 - Supporting the Early Childhood Iowa State Board in addressing the early care, health, and education systems that affect children ages 0 -5. 5
 - Advising the governor, general assembly, state board, and other public and private policy bodies and service providers in coordinating activities and policies related to Iowa's comprehensive early childhood system. Education and Career Pathways for the Early Childhood Workforce Education and career pathways help early childhood professionals make decisions about training and education needed to develop a dynamic career in early childhood. The Iowa Early Care and Education Teaching Roles Career Pathway and the Iowa Early Care and Education Program Administrator Roles Career Pathway documents provide guidance for the early childhood workforce. Case

Study Report Featuring Iowa's Integrated Data System for Decision-Making (I2D2) I2D2 was recently featured in a case study sponsored by the Administration for Children and Families as part of a national effort to advance the use of administrative data for program evaluation and crosssystems improvement. The report includes lessons learned and recommendations from I2D2 development, from a collection of interviews with current and former members of I2D2's founding task force. This report is being shared widely by federal partners as an example of "best practices" in the development and use of integrated data systems. Read the report:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/report/case-study-report-iowas-integrated-data-system-decisionmaking-i2d2> If you want to learn more about I2D2 work, here is a link to the newsletter page of the I2D2 website. ----- Family Support Administrative Update Submitted by Janet Nickell Horras September - October 2022 ECI Annual Reports Annual reports for each ECI Area funded family support programs were distributed at the end of September. Reports provided state averages as well as individual program information for each county served. Reports were color coded to show when data was significantly lower than expected and also when performance was higher than state averages. Technical assistance and follow up has been provided to specific areas where there was questionable data. Home Visiting # of Families Served # of Children Served % of Children 1 Year or Less at Enrollment % of Primary Caregivers with a high school education or less % of Families with an Income above 200% of FPL % of Children with a Developmental Screening 6 3,876 5,287 73% 65% 11% 77% Short Term Home Visiting # of Families Served # of Children Served % of Children 1 Year or Less at Enrollment % of Primary Caregivers with a high school education or less % of Families with an Income above 200% of FPL % of Children with a Developmental Screening 359 403 73% 46% 28% 66% Group-based Parent Education # of Families Served # of Children Served % of Children 1 Year or Less at Enrollment % of Primary Caregivers with a high school education or less % of Families with an Income above 200% of FPL % of Children with a Developmental Screening 1065 1144 51% 51% 18% 44% The Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals - Perinatal Specialist Digital Badge There are still openings for the pilot of the Institute's newest badge. Coursework from this fall will be repeated in the second semester. For anyone wanting to join in there is still time, you can contact Kristy Roosa – Kristy.Roosa@idph.iowa.gov. Early reviews from seasoned home visitors are very positive. "I have already learned more new things about the perinatal period in the last month than I did in my previous 20 years on the job." 7 "If you haven't signed up – you really should. Best training ever of my entire career!" MIECHV Innovation Grant Work is underway on translating and validating the National Family Support Certification Exam in Spanish. Key words in the exam are being identified for translation into an additional five languages. The additional five languages are based on the most common languages spoken amongst enrolled families in Iowa and Virginia. Relational competencies are in the process of being identified as our academic partner completes a literature review. Module usage has been reviewed to identify usage patterns and narrow down the list of possible modules for translation and cultural interpretation to twenty. A focus group of Spanish speaking home visitors will make the final selection of nine modules. The evaluation plan is in the process of being drafted and will be submitted to HRSA for approval in mid-November. Nine2Thrive A pilot, called Nine2Thrive (N2T), has been in operation for the past two years in select prenatal clinics in Polk and Wayne County. N2T places a Resource Specialist in the prenatal care clinic setting. The Resource Specialist assists mothers with their non-medical

needs and preparations for the new baby. The purpose of N2T is to achieve a healthy birth outcome and reduce maternal stress. 84% of the pregnant women enrolled in N2T reported high maternal stress. The Resource Specialist identifies families that could benefit from on-going support and refers to available home visiting programs. All services are voluntary, however 75% of pregnant women that were referred to N2T enrolled in the program. There are variations in the service delivery model. Wayne County adopted a universal model with the medical team referring all pregnant women to N2T. The Polk County sites utilized a risk assessment and only referred high risk pregnant women. The program has benefitted from an external evaluation annually. Medical providers reported that pregnant women in N2T attended more of their prenatal appointments. Clinical administrators reported that they were able to increase their patient load because of N2T services allowing the medical team to focus on the medical needs of the pregnant woman. N2T participants had a slightly lower rate of pre-term births than the statewide average (9.7 N2T and 9.9 Iowa.) Iowa is actively pursuing additional funding streams to expand the program to more prenatal clinics and continue the evaluation.

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CCR&R Update (9:30-45) Melissa Juhl

Fall surfacing; partnering with Heidi and Deb (HCCI) to training/build awareness. ECI areas will hear more about this most likely in the future; especially as it is costly....
FMC - training the newly hired staff! Wait List Question - depends on new people hired; trying to do first come, first serve. Goal for everyone to have a consultant in January.

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November 10, 2022

Woodbury/Ida Maternal Health Discussion with SHIP

Matt Ohman, Kerri Hall, Kevin Greime, Marcus Johnson-Miller, Shanell Wagler, Sylvia Navin, James Olson, and Sommer Trower met to discuss the current Maternal Health RFP. There are currently no applicants for this RFP in Ida or Woodbury Counties. Major barriers include constant denial of claims/appeals process for every claim submitted, having to take a loss for every service billed. Another meeting will be set up to assist the State Grant Team.

November 9 – 10, 2022

Annual Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards and Advocates Conference
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November 29, 2022 Ida HOPES Discussion

Kerri Hall, Kevin Grieme , Janet Horras, Shanell Wagler, Lexy Klemish, and Megan
Miller met to discuss bolstering supports for Ida County HOPES referrals. Subsequent
meetings are being scheduled.

- Additional ECI/EC Updates
 - 0-3 Prime Age To Engage Annual Meeting

The Annual 0-3 Prime Age To Engage Annual Meeting will be held January 6, 2023
from 11:00 AM – to 1:00 PM at the United Way of Siouxland

- Agency Updates / Other Business

Sue Moran, Director of Early Childhood Services, NWAEA - We are working
collaboratively (once grants are awarded) with Title V partners to ensure that children
who are not eligible for Early ACCESS will have developmental support from a Title V
agency staff member.

We should know next week who has been awarded as the provider
<https://idph.iowa.gov/family-health/CSA>

We continue to provide support to Stella child care and a multitude of other childcare
providers for collaborative services through Early ACCESS and/or child find for those
aged 3-5.

Brenda Jenkins, Early Childhood Consultant, NWAEA <https://www.smores.com/35trw>. It
contains many of our updates & training being offered.

Mallory Berkenpas, Early Childhood Service Coordinator, LSI - Mallory went through HFA Peer Reviewer Training early November and is now a Peer Reviewer. This will benefit our local program in terms of quality. Mallory is almost done with her Infant Mental Health Endorsement. The goal is for our whole team to be IMH endorsed. Alyssa Silver, a LSI home visitor and LSI-HFA family presented to John Hopkins School of Social Work in November re: "Justice Involved- Women and their Children in Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs: Insights from Frontline Staff". The presentation included the experiences the program has faced serving justice-involved families, the unique challenges these families face navigating things like housing, employment, parenting, etc., and how we can do better/our vision of what that would look like across systems. MIECHV Reauthorization is being voted on this week, which would provide funding to home visitation programs across the United States for another 5 years. The issue is the redistribution of funds to larger states which will impact funding to Iowa. We are unsure how this will look, yet.

Amber Kollbaum, Child Care Consultant, CCR&R - Amber Kollbaum (me) covering all of Woodbury county now

\$500 incentive for all CDH who complete ChildNet Certification this year

Mid-Sioux was contracted to hire 2 Social Emotional Behavior Mental Health Specialists – Their priority is to help build the CCR&R coaching system statewide. This includes offering practice based coaching for child care consultants; supporting CCR&R as external coaches for centers participating in PBIS-Program Wide; and supporting child care programs by working with Child Care Consultants on behavior and mental health issues.

Mid-Sioux received the contract for Child Care Collaborative of Iowa – Financial Management Consulting for the whole state. Currently 6 staff have started as Financial Management Consultants with a goal to hire a total of 13 staff members. This program is intended to help providers fully utilize a Child Care Management System approved by the state (brightwheel or Playground); receive intensive coaching regarding financial and employee issues; and facilitate a technology grant for programs who receive coaching. As of 11/30/22, 306 child care programs applied for coaching. Some are assigned to a waitlist while we hire and onboard the new staff. All applicants can start using the Child Care Management System of their choice (brightwheel or Playground) even if they are on the waitlist.

Erika Fuentes, Director of Child Development, Crittenton Center – Resource Center has been actively doing outreach in Ida County and have attended four different community events.

The Crittenton Center has partnered with Mercy One Hospital and has secured space for hospital staff's employees at Stella East.

Linsey Gilbert, Child Care Nurse Consultant, CAA of Siouxland – Very busy with Influenza, RSV, and Covid illnesses. She has seen the closures of rooms and entire programs due to illness. There is a lot of co-infection (simultaneously testing positive for

more than one virus at a time) resulting in children being flown to the children's hospital in Omaha. Historically, RSV impact infants and toddlers but they are seeing it exploding in the older 5-year-olds this year.

Very busy assisting child cares getting the new quality rating system (IQ4K) up and going. Has been doing lots of med administration trainings.

Stacy Eldridge, Concept Manager, Building Blocks & Apple Tree – Also dealing with a lot of sickness right now. Both staff and students our with various illnesses.

Lexy Klemish, HOPES Program Manager, SDHD – The are currently working on their Healthy Families America Accreditation which is a very large undertaking and group effort across the HOPES Family Support Programs with a deadline of June 2023.

Interviewed someone for the bilingual Referral Specialist and they have a new Family Support Worker that has HS experience.

Have one family currently enrolled in Ida County.

- Next Meeting is TBD