

Linn County Early Childhood Iowa Governance Board MINUTES

March 25, 2025 3:30 PM via Microsoft Teams

Name	Present	Excused	Un-Excused	Guests	Staff
Karey Chase (human services) Board Member at Large	X				
Julie Hanlin (faith) Secretary	X				
Shawn Knighton (citizen)	X				
Dan Louzek (health)	X @ 3:33 pm				
Katie Marshall (citizen)	X				
Brandy Meisheid (elected official)		X			
Charlie Nichols (citizen)	X				
Katheryn Paulsen (citizen)		X			
Judy Stoffel (citizen)	X				
Megan Waterman (parent) Chair-Elect	X				
Drew Westberg (education) Chair	X				
Kristen Peyton, ECI Grant Coordinator					X
Amy Grunewaldt, ECI Director					X
Amy Becker, HACAP				X	
Meridith Myers, YPN				X	
Crystal Hall, Tanager				X	
Melissa Williams, GWAEA				X	
Angela Easley, CCNC				X	
Jaye Geater, CCNC				X	
Christi Regan, HACAP				X	
Jess Burger, GWAEA				X	
Diana Strahan, HACAP				X	
1 (319) 480-1793 (registered as a Jeanette Shoop)				X	

Call to Order: Drew Westberg, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm with quorum present (8/11) and (9/11) at 3:33pm.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Minutes of 2/25/25 ECI Board Meeting:

- MSC: (Stoffel, Waterman) Motion and Second to approve minutes from February Board meeting. Motion carries unanimously.

Annual ECI Performance Data Trends-Family Support:

- Review of State Required Performance Measures- Health Prevention-In Home Visitation and Group Based Parent Education: Peyton reviewed excel charts with 3-years of Funding, Outputs and Outcomes data for the Family Support In-Home and Group Based Parent Education service types. Explanations of outlier data was explained and items to monitor were identified. All data was included in Board packet.

Board Operations:

ECI Restructuring Updates: Currently, the SF 445 bill has not been passed in legislation. ECI staff will continue to monitor the status of the bill. Grunewaldt presented the two funding options for new ECI Districts that were presented at the ECI State Board meeting. The ECI State Board will meet again on April 11th at 9 am to decide which funding scenario will be approved.

Board Member Resignation: Effective 3/10/25, Haley Desmond has tendered her Board resignation due to family and work commitments. Thank you, Haley, for your time on the Linn County ECI Board!

Family Support Update: YPN in-home visitation program is an affiliate of the Parents as Teachers, evidenced-based model. The Nurturing Parent Program is in the process of becoming an affiliate of the Healthy Families of America, evidenced-based model. Family support programs that are an affiliate of these evidenced-based models could allow the State to draw down federal funding which could bring in more funding \$ in the future for ECI.

Fiscal Operations:

Review Monthly Budget Utilization Summary: Grunewaldt reviewed the monthly budget utilization summary and noted that programs are aligned with the expected budget utilization for this time of year. ECI staff will continue to monitor budget utilization.

Program & Community Engagement:

Staff Monthly Engagement Efforts: A summary of ECI monthly engagement efforts was included in the packet.

Next Board Meeting: April 22, 2025

Open Agenda: Peyton will send the April 11th ECI State Board meeting information to Linn County ECI Board members.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **MSC:** (Marshall, Hanlin) Motion and Second to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm.

Reviewer: Julie Hanlin, Secretary

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Recorder: Kristen Peyton

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Julie Hanlin 4/18/2025
Kristen Peyton 4/18/2025