

Bidders Conference notes

3-14-18

Present: Ginger Knisley, Julie Meir, Cheryl Flaatten, Missy Park, Melissa Daugherty, Melissa Brown, and Cyndi Mason

Ginger opened the meeting by providing those attending with a fact sheet for FY19 with the following bullet points:

- All Children First funds are state general funds, no federal funds will be issued
- All funding application documents must be submitted electronically toginnylyn08@gmail.com and ALSO 12 hard copies to the Children First office at 307 Bank Street, Keokuk, IA 52632 – received or postmarked by 4:00pm on 4/13/18
- Helpful documents can be found on our website: childrenfirstempowerment.org
- Remember that impact and outcomes matter more than good intentions
- The Children First Board has adopted a new policy on indirect/administrative expenses within funded programs. Be sure to review the new policy.
- Discussion of the FY19 funding process will only take place within the public setting at t 9:30am on March 14th, 2018 at the Donnellson Community Room

Question: What is the anticipated level of funding for ECI in FY19? Answer: Level or slightly reduced

Question: Are there any programs not renewing? Answer: Yes. WAGE\$ which is currently funded at \$6,250. All currently funded programs and amounts were reviewed at this time. A listing of these can be requested from the Children First office if desired.

Question: Should a program apply for what is needed or only what they are currently funded at? Answer: The board can only fund what they know about and what is requested of them. They do not have any new funds but they have a great deal of ability to choose to fund new programs or vary the level at which they fund any given program in answer to local need. It is recommended to give a fair representation of what it costs to provide a program and also let the board know what the minimum amount is in order to make programming feasible.

Discussion took place on how to encourage attendance at group parent meetings.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00am.

gk