

## ECTF Minutes

10-24-18

Ft Madison

This meeting of the ECTF was called to order at 9:30 am by chair, Cyndi Mason with the following present: Ginger Knisley, Missy Park, Melissa Daugherty, Rachael Patterson-Rahn, Cheryl Flaatten, Jodi Norton, Sarah Tweedy, Marcia Munford, and Kathy Osipowicz

The agenda was accepted as written.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Introductions took place around the table.

**Administrative Update** -Ginger gave a written administrative update including updates to funding, community planning, IWF, and Keokuk child care crisis. There was discussion of the child care crisis in Keokuk and the various efforts underway to address the issue. Ginger shared that she is meeting with IWF, the Keokuk Chamber, and IWF November 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss how to proceed with addressing the issue. It is of great concern that the general public does not understand the depth of the commitment involved in running a child care center.

**Annual Report** – Ginger shared there was nothing remarkable or unexpected in regards to the annual report and it is difficult to share as it is reported in [iowagrants.gov](http://iowagrants.gov) rather than being a document. There were no questions about the annual report.

**Oral Health** – Rachael reported the LCHD is still looking for a part time, seasonal, contracted assistant for the sealant program. The silver diamine fluoride study is moving forward but they are having trouble locating children with serious decay which is good news that our prevention efforts are working. Silver diamine has been approved for public health settings that means it is possible it will be offered at WIC in the future.

**Provider Forums**– The next forum is January 15<sup>th</sup> with AEA presenting. Jodi shared she is having a forum in Donnellson on November 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm open to home providers and November 13<sup>th</sup> in Burlington for Directors. Ginger expressed that we need to all work together to collaborate on these forums rather than separately planning and hosting them. She will strive to initiate monthly informal forums in February, March and April that will be a collaborative opportunity.

**Child Care/Preschool** – Cheryl shared details on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> conference she is hosting in Burlington for regional providers that already has over 130 registrants.

Sarah shared that Iowa Wesleyan is now offering a master degree in education program online. Sarah also shared she attended the Fall Institute and it was very good and she was able to be a featured speaker. Last week she hosted a family fun night with over 120 people attending and they are seeking a new site to host these events as they have outgrown the community center.

Cyndi announced she is now able to provide flu shots. She also shared there is a possible purchase of Wonder Years in process. It is unknown what the details of enrollment or staff will be. Jodi is encouraging the potential buyer to proceed with the food program, WAGE\$ and TEACH moving forward.

**Mental Health** – Ginger shared the Children’s Mental Health Workgroup being facilitated by PCAI has expanded this year to include Lee County and the March meeting is scheduled to take place in Donnellson. Marcia shared that Head Start is looking for a mental health provider to do classroom observations, referrals and ongoing services as needed as Optima is understaffed and unable to perform this service as they have in the past. Head Start is also still looking for a bus driver for their Ft Madison site. Marcia shared she is retiring January 15<sup>th</sup> and she expects her position to be posted by the agency next week. She will share the job posting when it is available.

**Family Support** – Melissa shared VBPAT is still struggling with the two visits per month per family but their group meetings are going well. There was a discussion of group event planning, what is allowed to be counted, and how programs handle various regulations. Missy shared she is excited to use PAT materials in her HOPES program once staff are fully trained.

**Other business** –Jodi announced she has some slots available for participation in the business kit program and there are also spots available for the Pyramid training (PBIS) taking place November 17<sup>th</sup> which will include a stipend.

The next meeting of the ECTF is November 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am, at Dr Getwell’s in Keokuk. Ginger will not be in attendance at that meeting.

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