

4 R Kids Program and Service Committee Minutes
Friday February 7, 2020
9:00 A.M.

Attendance

Meeting began at 9:00 A.M. and Khristan Kaufman, Janice Jensen, Dena Owens, Jean Bosch, Lois Hoger and Debra Schrader were in attendance.

Khristan will be the reporter for the February 20, 2020 board meeting at the Adel Public Library.

FY21 Preschool Tuition Policy and The Preschool Enrichment project recommended no changes to the preschool tuition/scholarship policy.

FY21 Preschool Transportation Policy (*action*)

The Preschool Enrichment project recommended minor changes and language clarification to the preschool transportation policy to the Program and Service Committee. The biggest change is adding a maximum of \$4.00 a day or 3 miles.

FY20 Request for Renewal (*information*)

The RFR will be released March 13, 2020 and will be due April 17, 2020. Do to the formula change with early childhood funds; there will be a slight increase of funding for FY21. The committee discussed needs regarding mental health and will allocate \$10,000 for an infant and early childhood mental health consultation and coaching for childcare and preschools to be infused into the Quality Improvement Project, pending funding. Additionally, the committee is sensitive to the rising needs of non-English speaking families, and a portion of the FY20 carryover funds may be set aside for contractors to access in the event there is need during the FY21 year.

FY20 2nd Quarter Report (*information*)

The committee reviewed the second quarter reports from contractors. Below are a few of the highlights.

- All contractors' quarterly reports were submitted timely, by January 15, 2020.
- 40.9% of school ready funds have been expended and 47.5% of the early childhood funds have been expended. Overall spending is at 40.7%, on target is 50%.
- There are no major concerns with the contracts at this time and most contractors are meeting or are close to meeting their benchmarks.
- Notes of interest include the following:
 - The Parents as Teachers program administered by Partners in Family Development has met the state required participant enrollment criteria in the semiannual report. The program did not meet the criteria in the 1st quarter. There have been challenges with fiscal accountability and the ECI Director will continue to monitor progress.
 - The New Parent Program administered by Lutheran Services in Iowa had received MCO referrals.
 - The Parents as Teachers program administered by SWCC will be going through the Iowa Family Support Credential on March 9th.
 - The family support programs are serving a high percentage of families at 125% of the federal poverty level.
 - Partners and Family Development and Southwestern Community College have met criteria with PAT National and have received PAT Model Affiliate Blue Ribbon status.
- A summary of the report will be provided to the February 20, 2020 board meeting.
- Copies of the 2nd Quarter progress reports are located at www.4rkids-eci.org.

Criteria for Family Support Programs (*information*)

The committee had discussion regarding the 75% state enrollment criteria for family support programs. Some ECI areas have a requirement of 100% and some family support programs have voluntarily chosen to use 100%. After much discussion, the committee agreed to continue the conversation and monitor the performance measure around enrolment criteria with current funded family support programs.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:50

Next meeting is face to face on Friday May 1, 2020 from 9:00-12:00 at Madison County Extension.