

4 R Kids Program and Service Committee
Friday May 1, 2020
9:00 A.M.
Meeting held virtually by Zoom

Attendance

Khristan Kaufman, Lois Hoger, Justin Terry, Janice Jensen, Den Owens and Debra Schrader were in attendance.

Housekeeping *(information)*

Ground rules were reviewed. Conflict of interest was discussed, there was no conflict of interest noted by committee members that would impact recommendations. Janice will be the reporter for the board meeting May 21, 2020. Director Schrader will draft the minutes for the meeting.

FY20 3rd Quarter reports *(information)*

The committee reviewed the 3rd quarter reports prior to the meeting. There were no major issues noted. A high level report will be provided to the board.

Family Support Criteria

The committee had discussion regarding the 75% state enrollment criteria for family support programs. There are no recommendations at this time but will keep this as a standing agenda item for future discussion.

FY21 Request for Renewal Review and Comments *(information)*

- The draft FY21 early childhood grant is expected to be \$169,881 or (19%) more than FY20. The FY21 draft school ready grant amount is expected to be \$880,209 or (1%) more than FY20, for a total of early childhood funding and school ready funding increase expected from FY20 to FY21 of \$37,829. Early Childhood Iowa has suggested local boards plan for a 10% budget reduction sometime during FY21.
- Current contractors were surveyed as to the future needs of programs in the event of additional funding; this information was utilized in the budgeting process.
- The FY21 Request for Renewal process was not open competition and is the third year of a three year grant cycle. The next open Request for Proposal will be FY22. The Board reserves the right to have an open Request for Proposal process at any time.
- The committee reviewed the 4 R Kids strategic plan and focused on priorities as well as the guiding principles.
- The Request for Renewal process consisted of a cover page, community impact page, 5 narrative questions and a budget.
- A technical review was conducted on each application and 20% of the applications did not meet the technical review, but were included in the funding plan.
- Dallas County ISU Extension's Quality Improvement Project requested an innovative component for infant and early childhood mental health consultation for child care providers.
- In the event there is carryover funding, it will be used to assist with interpretation needs, preschool tuition, and other needs that may arise or for anticipated budget cuts.
- The board administrative support budget remains the same as years past which includes the fiscal agent fees and other expenses related to operate the board. The fiscal fee has not changed in 10 years; Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center has agreed to continue as the fiscal agent and record of employer. The ECI director budget changed with a 3% increase in compensation.

FY21 Funding Plan *(recommendation)*

The following are recommendations for FY21 programming pending FY20 carryover, state allocations, state program criteria, 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area board approval, Early Childhood Iowa approval, Department of Education approval and Department of Human Services approval. The recommendations are as follows:

FY2021 Funding Recommendations for Programming

Agency	Program	FY21 Allocation Recommendations
Lutheran Services of Iowa	New Parent Program	\$153,000.00
Partners in Family Development	Parents as Teachers	\$272,000.00
Southwestern Community College	Parents as Teachers	\$92,924.62
Warren County Health Services	Child Care Nurse Consultant	\$35,647.00
Every Step	Child Care Nurse Consultant	\$25,222.84
Dallas County Extension	Quality Improvement Project	\$84,317.00
Dallas County Extension	Reach for the Stars mini grants	\$15,750.00
	Incentives for ChildNet and Business	
Orchard Place/CCR&R	Investment/QRS	\$10,238.00
Orchard Place/CCR&R	Child Care Consultation	\$23,346.00
*Iowa AEYC	WAGES	\$39,492.00
Dallas County Extension	Preschool Enrichment/Coordinated Intake	\$64,693.00
Dallas County Extension	Preschool Tuition (ranks #1)	\$154,560.00
Dallas County Extension	Preschool Transportation (ranks #2)	\$3,055.50
Dallas County Extension	Preschool Dental Screens (ranks #3)	\$8,400.00
Dallas County Extension	Preschool Professional Development (ranks #4)	\$6,825.00
Total		\$989,470.96

Additional Comments

*Iowa AEYC requested to utilize a uniform reporting format and reimbursement format due to contracting with several ECI local boards. Iowa AEYC's contract renewal is required to utilize the current reporting format and reimbursement format set forth by the 4 R Kids ECI board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.