

4 R Kids Program and Service Committee Minutes
Friday February 5, 2021
9:00 A.M.

Attendance

Meeting began at 9:00 A.M. and Khristan Kaufman, Janice Jensen, Lois Hoger, Brittany Shinn, Tammy Walk and Debra Schrader were in attendance.

Janice will be the reporter for the February 18, 2021 board meeting.

FY22 Preschool Tuition and Transportation Policy *(information)*

There are no recommended changes to the current policies for FY22.

FY21 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, 2021.
- 34% of school ready funds have been expended and 50 % of the early childhood funds have been expended; 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:
 - Of the families served in the New Parent Program administered by Lutheran Services in Iowa and the Parents as Teachers Program administered by SWCC, 100% of families met state enrollment criteria; 75% is required.
 - All three home visitation programs are conducting 100% of visits virtually.
 - Preschool tuition scholarships are down by 82 children compared to a year ago. There is concern of how this will impact school readiness.
 - The pilot infant and early childhood mental health consultation project has been well received by child care centers in Madison County. Due to the structure of the contract with Dallas County ISU Extension, funding may be moved from other service types to support additional needs for consultation as interest has grown with additional child care providers.
- A summary of the report will be provided to the February 18, 2021 board meeting.
- Copies of the 2nd Quarter progress reports are located at www.4rkids-eci.org.

FY22 Request for Proposal *(information)*

Deb is working on the request for proposal application to be released March 12, 2021 and will be due April 19, 2021. The application will be available on the website. Information will be posted on the Facebook page and a marketing email through Constant Contact will also be sent to approximately 350 stakeholders.

Other Information

Contractors were surveyed regarding the potential of unexpended funds by June 30, 2021. It was reported that a total of \$80,000 may be unexpended. The primary reason for unexpended funds is low preschool tuition scholarships line items that have been impacted by the pandemic, such mileage/travel and professional development. It is anticipated the carryover funds will be well under the 20% that is allowed.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:00

Next meeting is face to face on Friday May 7, 2021 from 9:00-12:00 and will be either virtual or at Madison County Extension.