

4 R Kids Program and Service Committee Minutes
Friday February 11, 2022
9:00 A.M.

Attendance

Meeting began at 9:00 A.M. Nancy Hopkins, Anita Clayman and Debra Schrader were in attendance. Nancy will be the reporter for the February 17, 2022 board meeting.

FY23 Preschool Tuition and Transportation Policy *(information)*

There are no recommended changes to the current policies for FY23.

FY22 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, 2022.
- 41% of school ready funds have been expended and 40% of the early childhood funds have been expended; on target is 50%. It is noted that 20% carryover is allowed for local ECI boards.
- There are no major concerns with the contracts at this time and most contractors are meeting or are close to meeting their benchmarks. However, one contract needed further follow-up and in-depth guidance in reporting and billing was provided by the ECI director on 2-7-22.
- Notes of interest include the following:
 - Of the families served in the New Parent Program administered by Lutheran Services in Iowa and Parents as Teachers program administered by Southwestern Community College, 100% of families met state enrollment criteria; 75% is required; Short Years Partnership met 95%.
 - The quality improvement project has exceeded annual benchmarks in a 6 month period.
 - The infant and early childhood mental consultation and training project cited that child care providers and family support workers are under a tremendous amount of stress. Stressors include staffing issues, COVID impact and financial resources.
 - Preschool tuition scholarships are up by 32 children compared to a year ago.
- A summary of the report will be provided to the February 17, 2022 board meeting.
- Copies of the 2nd Quarter progress reports are located at www.4rkids-eci.org.

PiP *(information)*

Lutheran Services in Iowa, Southwestern Community College and Partners in Family Development were selected for the pilot incentive program (PiP) and when certain family support program benchmarks are met, the state of Iowa provides \$500 for each benchmark, earning up to \$1,500 for the time period July through December. The 4 R Kids ECI board provided matching funds of \$1,416.66 per benchmark earning up to \$4,249.98 for the six month period. Lutheran Services in Iowa met all three benchmarks and will receive \$4,249.98 from the 4 R Kids Board and \$1,500 from the state of Iowa, Southwestern Community College met two of three benchmarks and will receive \$2,833.32 from the 4 R Kids Board and \$1,000 from the state of Iowa and Partners in Family Development did not meet any of the three required benchmarks. This funding is not built into their program budgets.

FY22 Request for Renewal *(information)*

Deb is working on the request for renewal to be released March 11, 2022 and will be due April 18, 2022. This is the 2nd year of a three year funding process. This is not an open competition and is only available to current contractors.

Other *(Information)*

A few legislative bills were reviewed.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:00

Next meeting is face to face on Friday May 6, 2022 from 9:00-12:00 and will be either virtual or at Madison County Extension.