

## 4 R Kids Program and Service Committee Minutes

Friday October 28, 2022

By Zoom

9:00 A.M.

### Attendance

Wendy Sawyer, Colleen Strohmaier, Brittany Shinn, Nancy Hopkins and Debra Schrader were in attendance by Zoom. Nancy will be the reporter for the board meeting.

### FY22 Family Support Report *(information)*

Janet Horras, IDPH state home visitation director, provided a family support report to each ECI area with an analysis of performance from data gathered in the state DAISEY data base system. Performance targets are suggested not required, with the intent of reaching higher risk families. The report identified that Southwestern Community College with the Parents as Teachers project serving Adair County and Lutheran Services in Iowa with the New Parent Program serving Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County met or exceeded suggested performance targets. Short Years Partnership with the Parents as Teachers program serving Dallas, Madison, and Warren County has areas below target expectations. The ECI director has met with Short Years Partnership to discuss the report. While state ECI requires 75% of families meet enrollment criteria it has been suggested by Janet Horras, that the board consider implementing a higher standard at 90% of new enrollees meet the enrollment criteria. This will continue to be a discussion item for the committee.

### Child Care Nurse Consultant Contracts *(information)*

The Iowa Department of Public Health (part of the new Health and Human Services agency) issued multiyear contract to Warren County Public Health to serve Dallas, Madison, Polk and Warren County for the child and adolescent health and oral programs effective October 1, 2022. On October 24, 2022 IDPH cancelled the RFP as well as the executed contract for Warren County Public Health. The contract has several program components, one in particular is the child care nurse consultant, which the 4 R Kids ECI board supports. From October 1 – 24, 2022, CCNC services were allowed to be provided by Warren County Public Health to serve Dallas, Madison, Polk and Warren County. IDPH then provided for state contract extensions to both agencies, allowing them to continue serve their respective counties until December 31, 2022. A new RFP will be released by IDPH by October 31, 2022. The Warren County Public Health and EveryStep ECI contracts can remain in place until December 31, 2022 at which time an announcement will be made as to who is eligible to serve the four county area.

### 1st Quarter Report *(information)*

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

- All contractors' quarterly reports were submitted timely, by October 15, 2022.
- Of all of the programs, there is one follow up needed. The majority of the programs appear to be on track or close to on track for benchmarks.
- 20% of school ready funds have been expended; 19% of the early childhood funds have been expended; on target is 25%. There is no concern with rate of spending at this time.
- Notes of interest include the following:
  - Preschool tuition scholarship requests are less than last year.
  - Two of the three family support programs are striving to achieve the incentive bonuses.
  - One family support program did not meet the 75% state enrollment criteria. The program has assured the ECI director that 75% will be met by the end of the fiscal year.
  - One family support program has a waiting list.
  - Infant and early childhood mental health consultation for child care providers indicated that multiple stressors exist in regards to maintaining adequate staff and quality of programs. Mental health referrals are on the rise.
- A summary of the report will be provided at the November 17, 2022 board meeting.
- A copy of the 1st Quarter progress report is located at [www.4rkids-eci.org](http://www.4rkids-eci.org).

### Next meeting *(information)*

The next meeting is February 10, 2023 at 9:00 to be held virtually. Agenda items include 2nd quarter reports, tuition policy, transportation policy, and request for renewal process.

### Adjourn *(information)*

Meeting adjourned at 9:50.