



Board Processes Committee Minutes

January 30, 2025

9:00 A.M.

Attendance

Catherine Reaman-Gerdes, Christy Lundy, Shelley Flanery, Jacob Gunn, and Debra Schrader were present at the meeting. The meeting was conducted by and zoom. Catherine will be the reporter for the board meeting on February 20, 2025

ECI Legislation and Changes *(recommendation)*

Deb provided an overview of the proposed changes to ECI. ECI areas will be no longer and counties will follow the same district map as Behavioral Health districts. Adair County will be in District 4 and Dallas, Madison, and Warren County will be in district 5. The Governor is proposing to utilize \$11- \$16 million of current ECI funds to fund a continuum of care preschool project. Family support programs will be a priority, however there will be little to no funding for other projects. After much discussion, it is recommended that that once the Governors bill is released that the 4 R Kids ECI board draft a letter to be set to legislators in the 4-county area as well as the Governors office stating the 4 R Kids board will support ECI areas be moved into the districts, additionally the board would support the continuum of care project but only if new monies are provided.

Policy and Procedure Manual Review *(information)*

The committee does not have any recommendations for changes in policies.

Board Evaluation *(information)*

The committee reviewed the Board performance evaluation that was conducted by the board and the community. A few things to note from the evaluations were:

- The community and the board were consistent on a scale of 1-5, with the average of all 12 areas above a 4.0. The average score from the community was 4.3 and the average from board members was 4.5.
- The scores and comments were consistent with the previous year evaluation.
- Areas of strength are:
 - The board receives regular reports.
 - Structural pattern (board, officers, committees, and staff) is clear.
 - Board meetings facilitate focus and progress on important organization matters.
- Area in need of improvement:
 - Board representation in the community.
 - Each member of the board feels involved and interested in the boards work.

The committee also reviewed evaluation comments.

Board Professional Development Plan *(action requested)*

The committee drafted the board professional development plan for FY26 utilizing the evaluations to draft the plan. The board professional development plan mirrors years past.

FY26 Board Meeting Calendar *(information)*

The committee reviewed the FY26 board meeting calendar, there are 9 board meetings scheduled and mirrors the schedule from the previous year.

ECI Designation *(information)*

The state ECI office notified local ECI areas they cancelled designation meeting due to the future changes to the ECI structure and priorities

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M.