**Scott County Kids
Early Childhood Iowa
Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** February 4th, 2014 11:30pm

**In Attendance:** Chad Lewis, Jay Sommers, Rich Clewell, Shirleen Martin, Scott Cauwels, Christine Skaala, Sheri Flack, Mary Drees, Pastor Rodgers Kirk,

**Excused:** Larry Barker, Caitlin Russell, Rep. Cindy Winckler and Marc Engels

**Absent:**  Linda Greenlee

**Guests:** Donna Moritz; Bi-State, Mary Jo Huddelson; Childcare Resource and Referral, Danielle Paul; Family Support Worker and Bright Beginnings.

**Staff:** Diane Martens and Jesse Mumm

**Call to Order:** Skaala called the meeting to order at 11:31a.m. Introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes for January 7th, 2014:** Sommers made a motion to approve the January 7th, 2014 minutes, seconded by Lewis. All aye votes, motion carried.

**Old Business**

**Fiscal Issues**

**FY14 Expenditures**Moritz referred to the Early Childhood expenditures noting December being 50% through the fiscal year and Early Childhood funds are 24% spent. Early Childhood funds has carry forward of $80,476.86 which is 100% spent. Moritz continued with the State School Ready funds, noting they are 50% through the year and 42% spent.

**Maternal, Infant and early Childhood (MIECHV)-MiHopes**The next meeting is scheduled for February 27th. Martens and Dubert plan on attending. Martens had a conflict with the last meeting date, it was scheduled on the same date as the Regional ECI meeting.

**New Business**

 **Early Childhood Coordinating Council**

The next meeting will be on February 26th. The council consists of people from Scott County involved with Early Childhood. They share information about what is going on in the area and with different agencies.
**Committee Reports
 Contracts Management** **Period of Purple Crying/Safe Sleep Cribs**

There was great attendance and great information shared at this professional development on January 25th. Ten center staff attended and forty home providers. Martens worked with Jessica Redden the Child Care Nurse Consultant to select a portable crib and a fixed side clear-view crib for providers to choose from. The estimated cost for the cribs is $25,000.

**EC Funding Formula Letter**

Martens met with the ECI Coordinators from Dubuque and Clinton/Jackson yesterday. The group decided it would be helpful to get more information for the state ECI technical assistance team regarding the status of the formula change and what state level groups may be involved with reviewing the formula.

**Quality Applications (addressing DHS site visits)**

The response to these applications was good. There are ten applications and the time line for approving the applications has been moved in order to accommodate the review process. It is now anticipated the recommendations will be presented at the March 4th board meeting.

**Quality Child Care –CCR&R**

The quality child care group has met several times. There has been a lot of discussion around QRS as well as participation levels at our local level. At this point Child Care Resource and Referral is developing a proposal to meet this need.

**Site-visits**

Martens is in the process of scheduling site visits, most are scheduled for the week of February 17th. Once the schedule is set Martens will share it with the committee and the board. Board members are welcomed to attend the site visits.

**Outcomes**2nd Quarter reports were due February 1st. Dubert and Martens are still working on the format change.
**Nominations**The board membership application is on the website, please consider encouraging someone you know who would contribute to this board to apply. Please contact Diane if you have any questions.
**Public Awareness**
Martens has received a proposal from MindFire and is scheduling a meeting with the Scott County Webmaster.
**Levels of Excellence**The committee will be meeting on March 6th and 20th to review the bylaws and community plan.

**Fund Development**

**Grant Updates**

Still moving forward with the website plan.
**Legislative Recap**

Martens will not be attending. Martens has been asked to host an Early Childhood table at the Trauma Informed Care Consortium.

**Other Business**

**Universal Assessment/Bright Beginnings-Budget revision request**

Tera Weets has hired an additional Family Support Worker and will be moving forward with the revision.

**Public Input**: None

Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:07p.m. All Ayes.

Next meeting: March 4th, 2014 at 11:30am