

Minutes Template

BooSt Together For Children Board Meeting

February 8th, 2021- Via Zoom 5:30 pm -7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm

Board members in attendance: Nikki Fisher, Celeste Mortvedt, Ed Gillott, Kelly Polich, Lynn Chitty, Laura Phipps(5:53), Latifah Faisal

Public in attendance: Megan Thompson, Sadie Bohr, Angi Esser, Gina Wells, Alex Gustafson

Approve Agenda

Motion : Latifa

2nd: Ed

Unanimous vote

Approve Minutes 1/11/21

Motion: Lynn

2nd: Kelly

Unanimous vote

Public Forum:

Angi Esser-CCRR-Trauma Care for Infants and Children, Emergency Grant-7 completed, 2 more to follow up.

Sadie Bohr-Site visit with Nikki

Megan T.-COVID-19 questions from providers and shots

Board Processing Committee:

Area Director Report Did receive 3rd qtr. Funds, looking at contract renewals, mini-grants, and other info. Included in agenda. Nikki is taking a class on contract writing.

Budget and Finance:

Approve January Finances as submitted:

Motion: Ed

2nd: Lynn

Unanimous

Budget: No actual #'s yet, Kate and Matt are both trying to work with the house and senate, ECI has not gotten an increase for several years. ICAP-expect 15% increase, Hopefully my March 1st have a rough draft of Budget, Final in May

Children Service Committee:

Preschool Updates & Tool O

Committee is working on process of finalizing Preschool Scholarship updates

ASQ & ASQ:SE- Preschools will have to complete one for each child getting grant money.

ASQ & ASQ:SE-kits need to be purchased. Do we want to provide mini-grants for preschool to purchase kits or maybe Boost purchase a kit. CCRR reported some are getting trained for ASQ and ASQ: SE admin. For \$25.00. ASQ kit to purchase is \$295.00. Nikki would copy and send the ASQ's they would need. Megan T. may have some kits they can share. Sadie B.-Staff also uses the ASQ and ASQ:SE and is getting trained also for \$25.00. 8 preschools would need kits=\$3,200 for all of pk to get English kits. ECI buys the Spanish Kit

and preschools check out. Could Boost sponsor a webinar training. There are a few offerings through Brooks Publishing. If the providers need CE, go thru agency that provides CE.

Mini Grants: 18 applications, meeting on Feb. 15th to review grants.

Public Relations Committee:

Fareway Gift Card: Celeste suggested we donate to Salvation Army's Friday Food Friends thru Presbyterian Church who send home food backpacks. These backpacks do support some of the preschools in Boone.

Motion to approve: ED

2nd: Laura

Unanimous

Old Business:

'Business' Member: Laura reached out to 3 people but weren't interested.

Derecho Grant Recap: Nikki shared flyer she developed describing how Boost helped.

New Business:

New Board Member; Alex Gustafson

Motion to approve: Lynn

2nd : Laura

Unanimous vote:

RFP: Have been sent out, Due in May 7th. Discuss at June board meeting. By July 1st let organizations know of contracts. Committee to review or discuss at a board meeting? Laura believes the board process committee reviewed in the past. Celeste suggested having time to review and then discuss before meeting. Lynn-if we have more than 4 people on the committee would this need to be considered a closed meeting? Nikki-we could have a closed meeting. Ed wondered about how to make other organizations aware of ECI funding.

Celeste suggested a board processing committee review the contracts and Laura volunteered to help. Ed proposed the contracts shared with the entire board, process committee will do the review, discuss at board meeting with option to go to closed board meeting, if legal.

Decision to have a board work session on May 17th from 4:30 to 6:30. This will be an open meeting. If there was a need to go into a closed session to discuss program specific items, approval by ECI board first.

ECI Website: Nikki wanted the board to be aware of looking at the website for state guidelines.

Go to Systems-local systems-tool kits-

Association ECI Board & Advocacy: Meeting with Kate today, trying to increase ECI funding, the business community has been very engaged in childcare discussions. Katie and Matt give a weekly recap about bills. May have bi-weekly meetings because there is so much going on right now. Nikki offered to forward recap to YSS, CCRR, LSI,

Director Evaluation: Nikki shared a template with the board to use for the evaluation, board can choose a different tool, members email Celeste.

Jury Duty - May 11th

Vaccine- Story County <https://www.mgmc.org/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/> 515-433-8299

Site Visits- YSS 2/9/21 and LSI 2/17/21: three in March, and one in May

Next meeting: March 8th 5:30pm -7 pm Via Zoom

Meeting Adjourn 6:55 pm

