

Minutes Template

BooSt Together For Children Board Meeting

October 12th, 2020- Via Zoom 5:30 pm -7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm

**Board members in attendance: Nikki Fisher, Celeste Mortvedt, Ed Gillott, Lisa Heddens, Laura Phipps, Lynn Chitty**

**Public in attendance: , Kelsey Finke, Alyssa Barton, Megan Thompson**

**Welcome new Project Director for 1st Five and MCAH Programs - Megan Thompson, Health Services Coordinator**

Motion to approve agenda for 10/12/20 Board meeting: Lisa H

2nd to approve agenda-Lynn

Unanimous approval :

Motion to approve Minutes from 9/14/20 meeting-Ed

2nd to approve Minutes from 9/14/20 meeting -Lynn

Unanimous approval

**Public Forum:** YSS email : [we are excited to partner with Raising Readers to implement the LENA Program, and we are also excited to have a Doctoral intern who is a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner who will be providing presentations at our Nest programs, and hopefully once we get back into homes she could observe some home visits and work with staff on assessments.](#)

MICA - virtual but trying to get some into the office and get people back. A lot of time onf the phone for CCNC

Alyssa- LSI also doing LENA with raising readers. Alyssa helped to explain a little more about the program and that it is no longer strapped to the children's back but a smaller device. Still doing the PAT

Kelsey- seminar the 17th and Nov 7th starting in 2 parts. Been able to do some outdoor face to face interaction and hearing good things about that b/c people are missing the face to face.

**Board Processing Committee:**

**Area Director Report** - Presented to Boone County Board of Supervisors and Story County Board of Supervisors. Both appreciated the information and Nikki thinks this is something good to provide to them. Got the Mini Grant process completed with the help of the committee and still having meetings with ECI Directors to help stay connected with what is happening. Wanted to remind everyone that School Ready is now showing in the finances, as commented last month, we had received it but it would not show until Sept. Finances. Board asked about the computer systems and what Nikki may need. Nikki will look into pricing for a new computer for Boone Office, as that one is 8 years old and also the Quickbooks software to go online vs. desktop. Will bring that back next meeting in November.

**Budget and Finance:**

Motion to approve the September financials as they are presented: Ed  
2nd to approve: Gail  
Unanimous approval

ICAP Refund - Nikki just wanted to let everyone know that we received a refund of \$373.30 and it was deposited. Looks to be about the same amount as last year.

**Children Service Committee:**

Preschool Contracts- no new updates. But the invoices are coming in for the preschools and everything is running smooth.

Mini Grant - Mini Grant letters and agreements went out in the mail today, so they will receive them by 10/19/20. Nikki reviewed a spreadsheet to show the approved amounts. Question from Lynn about mini grant #10 and the amount we approved. Nikki stated that part of the approval was for resurfacing and so it was agreed for full amount. Lynn stated that was the amount missing when she was adding it up. Committee agreed that the mini grant applications were fiscally conscious and they really thought they were well thought out mini grant applications.

Derecho Grant updates- Nikki provided an update with a spreadsheet to show the amounts and children impacted. Kelsey F. also stated that there have been 4 more apply to Lora P. in the past week.

**Public Relations Committee:**

Facebook - Board agreed that this is a good way to connect with families and the community. Stated that we need to use this for content such as: promote family friendly events, Information about our grants, links to resources, board member application and need. Process is to send Nikki anything you may wish to put on Facebook and she will review and add as necessary.

Motion to approve the use of Facebook or social media for BooSt Together for Children: Lynn  
2nd the approval: Lisa  
Unanimous approval

**Trick or Trunk- denial due to pandemic safely reasons**

Board agreed that this is a great idea and sounds fun, but we have a pandemic going on. The board does not want the community to see us as going against the Health guidelines. Everyone is hoping that next year this will be a fun opportunity to be out in the community.

**Old Business:**

New members/ 'Business' member- Need to use Facebook. Celeste stated she was working on her LLC for the farm and could be the business person. Asked what happened if we don't have a 'Business' individual. Nikki advised that when we have designation, we will be dinged by the state for not complying.

**New Business:**

ECI Area Director meeting held on 9/23- Nikki attended the meeting and it was regarding the categories used during Year End reporting to the State. There are some updates for Preschool Scholarship and also an add for Mental Health Consultant and Community Collaboration. Nikki will inform everyone once there are solid updates to share. ECI directors were able to provide input and this is now being taken to the ECI State meeting in November. It would go into effect FY22.

Providers 1st Quarter reports - Nikki has received MICA and others will be coming in soon. Deadline is Oct. 15th.

Ericson Public Library Discussion on Covid and Equity- discussion being held by Zach at Ericson Library. It was moved due to a presenter not being able to make it. It will now be November 3rd. Nikki is attending.

Gail stated that the next meeting will be conferences and so she will be at the school during the meeting.

Lynn stated she may be out of town and may not have internet access.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn : lynn

2nd : gail

**Closing time of meeting - 6:32 pm**