

Minutes Template

BooSt Together For Children Board Meeting
September 14th, 2020- Via Zoom 5:30 pm -7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm

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

Public in attendance: , Kelsey Finke, Alyssa Barton, Carrie Sodders

Motion to approve agenda for 9/14/20 Board meeting: Lisa Heddens
2nd to approve agenda- Lynn
Unanimous approval

Motion to approve Minutes from 8/17/20 meeting-Lynn
2nd to approve Minutes from 8/17/20 meeting -Kelly
Unanimous approval

Motion to approve Minutes from 9/2/20 meeting-Lynn
2nd to approve Minutes from 9/2/20 meeting -Kelly
Unanimous approval

Public Forum-

Alyssa Barton, some families (about 5) choose not to participate in virtual, offering activity packets, one family had difficulty with technology, still following state guidelines and will not be doing any face to face home visits, most likely seeing this through to 2021 but staff are ready to get back into the homes

Carrie Sodders (also still doing home visits virtually, still helping families navigate assistance related to the storm, if anyone needs assistance with the storm or anything else Carries says to send them her way and they will try to help.

Kelsey Finke- appreciative of BooSt funding for storm, 4 homes and 3 centers are applying, Training seminar is scheduled for October and November, Mental Health from Orchard Place trainer that they have worked with before Susan D.

Board Processing Committee -

Area Director Report -*High level report during the meeting. Nikki helped work on Derecho efforts. She did get year end done and the board will be looking to approve that later in the agenda. Nikki did get moved onto the 2nd round of the IWF grant and she will hear about the results in November through the mail. She is still continuing with training and seminars also to help learn her role. No questions.*

Budget and Finance-

Nikki reported we did receive funds for Early Childhood and School Ready but School Ready did not come until September 2nd and it will not reflect until next month in the Profit and Loss.

Motion to approve August FY21 financials-Ed, accepted document as submitted.

2nd to approve August FY21 financials-Lisa

Unanimous approval

Motion to approve FY20 Annual Report Year End: Ed

Lisa had a question about the 2nd bullet, expended per program in home. Nikki: this came from all the year end forms? Will be put in Iowa Grants, which goes all the way up to the governor. Ed would like to have some available for potential board members, and others. It will be posted on the BooSt site. Lisa suggested getting on Boone and Story county boards agenda to share information.

2nd to approve FY20 Annual Report Year: Lynn

Unanimous approval

Children Service Committee:

Preschool Contracts- All contracts have been sent out and Nikki and Celeste will be getting in contact to have both signatures from Celeste and Nikki on those to get them completed.

Mini Grant-Reminded people Friday is the last day to submit. No applications have been sent yet. Have received many questions after the reminder email was sent.

Derecho Response emergency Grant -Kelsey updated see above. Nikki did send out the letter of agreement. The agreement was signed. Celeste will also review and sign this when her and Nikki get together.

Public Relations: Ed reported

Facebook -Has anyone looked at it? Thoughts? We are going to take this to the next meeting and take more action next month. Asked to change profile picture to the logo and not Area Director so people see BooSt and don't think it's Nikki's Facebook.

KWBG Ad -Recording is done. Should be on the air soon. There will be 10 time slots/spots. 30 second spot. Lynn suggested we reach out to Ames stations. Sometimes stations will do PSA's without BooSt having to fund it. Ed will check into Anna Banna about the possibility of an announcement on her program. Nikki also wanted to let everyone know that Ed was the voice on the recording and helped pull the ad together.

Old Business-

Business Board member- Still needing board members. Everyone has stated that they are talking

Board Members-

Association of Early childhood Iowa Are Boards and Advocates-Need more information about what they are doing. Two hour meeting on Oct. 29th. Board is made up of ECI directors, voting next year (every other year app) for new board members. Kate Walton and Matt Addey : 2 advocates for ECI, they talk about the bills that will help ECI. They set up meetings for ECI boards and advocates. These two have had contacts with committee members. They also do occasional lobbying. 28/38 of the ECI boards are members, can use admin. Dollars for the annual dues, will be split between the 2 accounts. We can also do fundraisers. Cannot use our funds for lobbying. Discussion from board members about being relieved the goal is not lobbying but more of sharing information about ECI.

Motion: Ed Proposes We pay the dues 467.00 from admin. and we have someone come to our meeting to give us more information about ASS. of ECIA. Nikki invited us to sit on ECIA annual board meeting on October 29th to get a better idea of what the Association is.

Motion to approve: Ed see above

2nd: Laura

Unanimous Approval

New Business-

FY21 Site Visits -Members need to let Nikki know if you can attend any visits. Statewide guidelines dictate all services to be done virtually except some of the preschools. More to come but wanted to get this out there for the board to see.

Delegate for Annual meeting in October- Ass. of ECIA Boards and Advocates-October 29th from 1-3.

Motion by Lisa: Nikki attend

2nd by Lynn

Unanimous Approval

Next meeting Oct. 12th @ 5:30

Adjourn meeting: 6:38

Motion to adjourn meeting : Lynn

2nd :