

**JMP (Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek) EARLY CHILDHOOD AREA  
BOARD ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Skiff Medical Center, South Board Room, Newton  
Wednesday October 26, 2016 at 5:15 pm

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>	<i>Unexcused</i>	<i>Non-Board</i>
John Grennan (business)	X				
Jim Kingery (elected)	X				
John Leeper-Board Chair	X				
Muriel Johannessen (faith)	X				
Doug Cameron (education) Board Vice Chair	X				
Mary Lindberg (consumer) Board Treasurer		X	X		
Britney Schnathorst (citizen) Board Chair	X				
Betty Moll (health)	X				
Julie Wendl (human services)	X				
Amy Blanchard (Director)	X				X
Sue Gienger (CCR&R)	X				X
Rachel Garner (MCPH)	X				X
Jackie Sparks (Jasper PAT)	X				X

- I. The meeting was called to order by Britney Schnathorst, Chair, at 5:20 pm.
- II. Roll Call: JMP Board Members present include Cameron, Johannessen, Kingery, Leeper, Schnathorst, Moll and Wendl. Lindberg was absent. A quorum was reached.
- III. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve** minutes of August 31, 2016 Board meeting by Wendl. **Seconded** by Leeper. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Board reviewed fiscal report current as of September 30, 2016. Blanchard shared a draft report of the FY16 JMP audit report. There were no findings for JMP. The Board has the opportunity to have a telephone conference with the auditors at the November board meeting. The Board declined the opportunity. Schnathorst asked the Treasurer's Report be accepted and filed for audit.
- V. Director's Report: Blanchard addressed questions from the Board regarding the director's report included in the board packet. Board discussion focused on the site visit to Crossroads Cares on October 20<sup>th</sup> with board member Leeper in attendance. An identified obstacle for the success of Crossroads Cares as noted during the site visit is marketing the program to the intended client group. The board members brainstormed possible contacts in Marion County and beyond that could be outlets for fliers and information sharing. **Action Item: Staff will share ideas with Crossroads Cares.**
- VI. Committee Reports: None.
- VII. Old Business:
  - a. \$379.48 in interest on FY16 School Ready Funds needed to be allocated. **Motion** to allocate \$379.48 to Director/Board Expenses by Cameron. **Seconded** by Johannessen. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Rachel Cecil provided a written report regarding the progress of I-Smile and CCNC services in Poweshiek and Jasper counties as of October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c. Blanchard provided a detailed report on the preschool scholarships awarded for FY17. JMP is projected to spend 98.8% of the preschool scholarship budget. Report included tuition cost, number of scholarships awarded by preschool and the percentage of poverty level of scholarship recipients. Board discussed the disparity in costs among the programs and the impact continued cuts in funding might have on future budgets.

VIII. New Business:

- a. Board Member John Grennan reported to the Board that he is now serving as a board member for the Grinnell Community Day Care. Grennan updated his conflict of interest statement.
- b. Board reviewed a survey report regarding the cost effectiveness of family support programs in Iowa. The survey was conducted by 4 R Kids ECI Area.

IX. Public Comment: Representatives from the contractors in attendance provided a brief update on their programs for the Board. Sparks remarked she found the earlier Board discussion of the Crossroads Cares focus on grandparent support very helpful. Garner reported MCPH is now serving 97 families in the PAT program. Geinger reported on the Opportunities Summit she attended recently as well as about connecting a provider in Victor with the CCNC services needed.

X. The JMP board meeting was adjourned by Schnathorst at 6:30 pm. The JMP Board is scheduled to meet November 30, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in Newton at the Skiff Medical Center South Board Room.