

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

Skiff Medical Center, 204 N 4th Ave East, Newton
Wednesday April 25, 2018 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) Board Vice Chair	X				
Steve McCombs (elected)	X				
John Leeper (citizen)	X				
Muriel Johannessen (faith)	X				
Doug Cameron (education)	X				
Mary Lindberg (citizen) Board Treasurer	X				
Britney Schnathorst (consumer) 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 PAT)	X				X
Leann Andre (CCR&R)	X				X
Lora Patton (CCR&R)	X				X
Denice Fischer (ISU Extension, Early Care & Ed)	X				X
Mindy Clayton (MICA Family Connections)	X				X
Christy Moore (MICA Family Connections)	X				X

- I. The meeting was called to order by Britney Schnathorst, Chair, at 5:15 pm.
- II. Roll Call: JMP Board Members present include Cameron, Grennan, Johannessen, Leeper, Lindberg, McCombs, Moll, Schnathorst and Wendl. A quorum was reached.
- III. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve** minutes of March 14, 2018 board meeting by Grennan. **Seconded** by Johannesson. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment/Provider Reports: MICA Family Connections reported 12 kids attended their recent socialization opportunity. Garner reported a part-time educator for Jasper County has been hired and will start on May 3rd. Jasper County Public Health has secured funding for Parent Cafés in Jasper County. Fischer reported on various trainings scheduled for May, including *Running from Tigers*, *Ouch, that Stereotype Hurts*, and nutrition training. Gienger reported on a new preschool in Newton, various trainings scheduled for May and June, and updated the Board on the new center open in Pella.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Board reviewed the financial report current as of April 20, 2018. Lindberg noted spending is on track. Blanchard reported preliminary budget numbers for FY19. Leeper inquired about carry-forward. Blanchard indicated it is difficult to predict carry-forward right now, though she anticipates JMP will have less than \$40,000. Lindberg asked the Treasurer's Report be accepted and filed for audit.
- VI. Director's Report: The director's report was included in the board packet. Blanchard reported the child care survey results will be back soon and discussed the site visits with the board. Site visit survey results were made available through Dropbox.
- VII. Old Business:

- a. JMP board self-evaluation results were again reviewed. Board members highlighted a few goals for the Director to work towards for the upcoming year including defining actions board members can take to address early childhood issues, clarifying the board's responsibility for fundraising and collaborating with other ECI boards for board development.

VIII. New Business:

- a. JMP board discussed the possibility of moving to renewable contracts for providers. Blanchard is unsure if it will provide a time or cost savings to the board or providers. She will continue to research how other ECI boards address renewable contracts.
- b. JMP board invited providers to present Requests for Proposal bids. Three providers were scheduled and allowed 10 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for questions from the board. Public was invited to stay. Gienger, Garner, Andre, Fischer and Patton left the room. Blanchard and the JMP board remained. Presentations were made by the following providers:
 - i. Clayton and Moore presented for MICA Family Connections at 6:05 pm.
 - ii. Andre, Gienger and Patton presented for Child Care Resource and Referral at 6:30 pm.
 - iii. Garner presented for Marion County Public Health Parents as Teachers at 7 pm.

- IX. Adjournment: **Motion** by Cameron to adjourn. **Seconded** by Wendl. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. The JMP Board is scheduled to meet May 22, 2018 at 8:30 am at the Foundation Offices at Ahrens Park in Grinnell to hear the remaining Requests for Proposal and begin granting for FY19.