

**JMP (Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek) EARLY CHILDHOOD AREA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
Skiff Medical Center, South Board Room, 204 n 2nd Street, Newton
Tuesday June 7, 2016 at 8:30 am

Roll Call:

Name	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Non-Board</i>
Doug Cameron (education), Treasurer	X		
Betty Moll (health)	X		
Jeanne Hammen (business)		X	
Jim Kingery (elected)	X		
Julie Wendl, (human services)	X		
John Leeper, Chair	X		
Muriel Johannessen (faith)	X		
Britney Schnathorst (citizen), Vice Chair	X		
Mary Lindberg, (consumer)	X		
Staff/Visitors			
Amy Blanchard (ECI Director)	X		X
Nicole Brua-Behrens (GPCF Representative)	X		X

- I. The meeting was called to order by John Leeper, Chair, at 8:35 am.

- II. Business Meeting: Nicole and Amy informed the Board of the Levels of Excellence Review status. Following the site visit in April, the Early Childhood Iowa State Technical Assistance Team recommended to the State ECI Board that the JMP Area receive a status of Probationary. Nicole and Amy have already met with Shanelle Wagler from the review team to address the areas of concern. Among the areas needing improvement are: Board gender balance and Board member replacement procedures, contract monitoring processes, RFP-review documentation and organization of materials submitted for review. During the Levels of Excellence On-Site Review, the review team examined two contract files and cited areas of concern with Crossroads of Pella. The Board discussed ways to address general contract concerns in FY17 with Crossroads and each of our providers.

- III. Board Member Opening: Jeanne Hammen completes her service on the JMP Board in June. The Board is seeking to replace Jeanne with a male from Poweshiek County with business experience. Board understands we must replace Jeanne as soon as possible but in no longer than 4 months. A press release was generated to publicize the opening and it was printed in the Grinnell Herald Register on May 23, 2016. Four names were also suggested by the Board. **Action Item: Doug, Mary and Amy will each contact the potential Board Members discussed.**

- IV. Provider RFP Presentations: In May, Board Members each received copies of every RFP submitted to JMP for FY17. In advance of the presentations, Board Members were asked to review each RFP and score it on the included rubric. The Board heard presentations from Denice Fischer of Jasper County Agricultural Extension District, Mindy Clayton and Brandi Stepanek of MICA Family Connections, Kathleen Barnes of Grinnell Community Day Care, Dara Madigan and Jocee Kelly of Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children, Jackie Sparks of Jasper County Parents as Teachers, Rachel Cecil of Marion County Parents

as Teachers, Amy Zuck of Crossroads of Pella and Amy Blanchard and Nicole Behrens of Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation. Following each presentation, the Board could ask questions of each provider.

- V. Adjourn: The JMP board meeting was adjourned by Leeper at 12:30 pm. The JMP board will meet again tomorrow, June 8th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. to hear from the remaining RFP's.