

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

Mercy One Medical Center, 204 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Newton, IA  
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 5:15 pm

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Unexcused</b>	<b>Non-Board</b>
John Grennan (business) Board Vice Chair	X				
Kisha Jahner (elected)	X				
John Leeper (citizen)	X				
Muriel Johannessen (faith)	X				
Doug Cameron (education)	X				
Mary Lindberg (citizen) Board Treasurer		X	X		
Britney Schnathorst (consumer) Board Chair	X				
Betty Moll (health)		X	X		
Julie Wendl (human services)	X				
Amy Blanchard (Director)					X
Lora Patton, Orchard Place CCR&R					X
Sue Gienger, Orchard Place CCR&R					X
Leanne Andre, Orchard Place CCR&R					X
Denice Fischer, ISU Extension Early Care and Ed					X
Rachel Garner, MCPH Parents as Teachers					X
Venessa Stalter, MCPH CCNC					X
Melissa Woodhouse, MCPH I-Smile					X

- I. The meeting was called to order by Britney Schnathorst at 5:19 pm.
- II. Roll Call: JMP Board Members present include Cameron, Grennan, Johannessen, Leeper, Jahner, Schnathorst and Wendl. A quorum was reached.
- III. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve** minutes of February 27, 2019 board meeting by Cameron. **Seconded** by Johannessen. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment/Provider Reports: Fischer reported 72 child care providers attended the Symposium on April 13. CCR&R was present at the Symposium to offer fingerprinting. Program has seven more trainings on the schedule for the year and is currently partnering with another agency to offer to offer Strengthening Families, a program for 7-14 year olds.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Board reviewed the financial report current as of April 18, 2019, along with charitable fund statements. Schnathorst asked that 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 on the Systems Thinking training, participation in the WAGE\$ webinar for ECI directors and presentation at the Iowa Rural Development Seminar.
- VII. Old Business:
  - a. ECI Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards: Board reviewed the proposal from McKinley Bailey regarding the tentative structure for an ECI Association as well as the opinion paper from the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board. Cost to JMP ECI would

be approximately \$700 if association dues are 3.1% of administrative allocation from the State. Discussion centered on effectiveness of lobbying versus direct contact with legislators by JMP board members, benefits and disadvantages of using private contributions to fund association fees, the difficulty of the timing of the decision due to unclear budget allocations for FY20, the unclear structure of the association, and the challenges of committing funds to an association that might not get enough support across the state to be effective in the near term. Jahner suggested tabling the issue until the May 21 JMP board meeting when several concerns might be more fully addressed.

- b. Strategic Planning Committee: Leeper, Johannessen and Schnathorst will participate on the committee. Further information will be disseminated by Nicole Brua-Behrens to facilitate the sessions during the day. A phone-in option will be available.

#### VIII. New Business

- a. FY19 Site Visit forms were sent with the board packet last week and a hard copy was available at the meeting. All provider site visits have been completed. Board inquired about general trends regarding obstacles and challenges programs are facing. Blanchard reported every program mentioned funding amounts. Other general needs noted were transportation obstacles for families served, lack of dental care providers locally and the challenge of finding consistent communication methods with an often transient target audience.
- b. DAISEY data reports were included with the board packet. Blanchard discussed a family support webinar for ECI directors that focused on maximizing family support services and funding.
- c. Request for Proposal Presentations: Board heard from the following providers regarding their funding requests for FY20. Providers were allowed 7 minutes to present and 15 minutes for questions from the JMP Board.
  - i. Gienger, Patton and Andre presented for CCR&R.
  - ii. Woodhouse presented for I-Smile.
  - iii. Stalter presented for CCNC.
  - iv. Garner presented for Parents as Teachers for Jasper and Marion County.

- IX. Adjournment: **Motion** by Cameron to adjourn. **Seconded** by Jahner. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm. The JMP Board is scheduled to meet Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 8:30 am at the Foundation Offices in Grinnell.