

**JMP (Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek) EARLY CHILDHOOD AREA  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Foundation Offices in Ahrens Park, 1510 Penrose Ave, Grinnell, IA  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 8:30 am

<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				
Britney Schnathorst (consumer) Board Chair	X				
Betty Moll (health)	X				
Julie Wendl (human services)	X				
Amy Blanchard (Director)	X				X

- I. The meeting was called to order by Britney Schnathorst at 8:45 am.
- II. Roll Call: JMP Board Members present include Cameron, Grennan, Jahner, Johannessen, Leeper, Lindberg, Moll, Schnathorst and Wendl. A quorum was reached.
- III. New Business:
  - a. RFP Presentations: RFP's were sent to board members in April. Board members were asked to review each proposal prior to the meeting and make notes on the scoring rubric. The Board heard presentations from Mindy Clayton and Christy Moore from MICA Family Connections, Patty Hinrichs and Diane Dolmage from Unity Point-Grinnell Regional Medical Center Postpartum Home Visit Program, Lauren Linnenbrink from WAGE\$, Denice Fischer and Carol Camp from ISU Ag Extension Early Care and Education, Kathleen Whisenand from Grinnell Community Day Care and Amy Blanchard with Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation. Following each presentation of no more than 7 minutes, the Board could ask questions about the program or proposal for no more than 10 minutes.
  - b. RFP Scoring: Following the final presentation, the Board discussed and scored each of the RFPs using the consensus scoring process.
  - c. Granting: The board reviewed several tentative budget proposals to allocate funding. Final FY20 numbers had not been received from the State ECI board yet. Board agreed on a tentative funding plan pending final budget numbers and review by the Board. Blanchard will send copies of the proposed budget via email for review by JMP Board members.
  - d. Raising A Reader Request from Marion County Parents as Teachers: Rachel Garner has requested JMP Board approval to purchase a kit to support early literacy skills as part of home visits with families of preschool-age children. Total cost would be approximately \$3,000. The board expressed reluctance to make a large purchase at this time.
  - e. Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards: Documentation from McKinley Bailey was included in the board packet for review. Cost to join the Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards is estimated at \$769.52, \$94.52 of which must be raised via private donations. JMP board discussed the positive effects of joining the Association and expressed concern for the current and ongoing strain on the JMP budget. This year, the fee could be supported entirely from the JMP charitable

fund. **Motion** by Johannessen for JMP ECI to spend \$769.52 of charitable donations to join the Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards should the Association get enough participating boards. **Seconded** by Leeper. Motion passed unanimously.

- IV. Adjournment: **Motion** by Cameron to adjourn. **Seconded** by Johannessen. Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm. The JMP Board is scheduled to meet Tuesday, June 19, 2019 at 5:15 pm at a location yet to be determined.

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