

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

Virtual Meeting Platform via Windstream HD Meeting
Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 5:15 pm

Name	Present	Absent	Excused	Unexcused	Non-Board
Steve Bernemann (human services)	X				
Rachel Cecil (citizen)		X	X		
Mitzi Smith (faith)	X				
Brian Kingrey (education) Board Chair	X				
Doug Cameron (consumer)	X				
Mary Lindberg (citizen) Treasurer	X				
Britney Schnathorst (citizen)	X				
Julie Wendl (health)	X				
Michael Kacmarynski (business) Board Vice Chair	X				
Amy Blanchard (JMP ECI Director)	X				X
Brenda O'Halloran (CCR&R)	X				X
Leann Andre (CCR&R)	X				X
Lora Patton (CCR&R)					
Denice Fischer (ISU Extension Early Care & Ed)	X				X
Melissa Woodhouse (MCPH I-Smile)	X				X
Shauna Callaway (GRPH Postpartum Visits)	X				X
Diane Dolmage (GRPH Postpartum Visits)	X				X

- I. The meeting was called to order by Kingrey, Chair, at 5:18 pm. All meeting attendees participated remotely via an online meeting platform due to social distancing mandates caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.
- II. Roll Call: JMP board members present include Bernemann, Cameron, Kacmarynski, Kingrey, Lindberg, Schnathorst, Smith, and Wendl. A quorum was reached.
- III. Budget Discussion: Blanchard shared the most updated budget report. Blanchard reported to the JMP board that her calculations of projected carry-forward did not take into account \$24,851 in School Ready funding that was unallocated to programming in the beginning of the fiscal year in anticipation of a midyear budget reduction. Board discussed ideas for investing that funding to maximize impact and not exceed the 20% carry forward amount. After determining there was a need, board members decided to increase the Preschool Quality Improvement and Technology Grants limit to \$3,000. Blanchard will contact each of the grant applicants to advise them of the increased limit and allow them to increase the grant request amount to \$3,000 if the preschool will be able to use the additional funds. Grant agreements will be issued to each applicant.
- IV. New Business
 - a. JMP Mini Grant Applications: Board reviewed mini grant applications from Peck Child Development Center, UCC Preschool, Pleasantville Preschool, Grinnell Early Learning Center, and Creation Station Preschool. Blanchard is still working with Twin Cedars and Colfax-Mingo regarding applications. **Motion to approve** all mini grant applications with a limit of \$3,000 by Wendl. **Seconded** by Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Governor's Child Care Task Force Town Hall meetings are scheduled for May with one meeting hosting parents of children and the next meeting hosting providers.

- c. JMP providers have the opportunity to present to the JMP board for no more than 5-7 minutes followed by a question and answer period of 10 minutes. Open meeting regulations are in effect and all presentations are open to the public in the online meeting. The following providers gave presentations:
 - i. ISU Extension Early Care and Education Renewal (Fischer)
 - ii. CCR&R Renewal (Patton, Andre, and O'Halloran)
 - iii. MCPH I-Smile Renewal (Woodhouse)
 - iv. GRPH Postpartum Home Visits Renewal (Callaway and Dolmage)
 - v. GPCF Coordination Services Renewal (Blanchard)
 - d. FY22 Budget Discussion: several budget options were presented for board review and discussion. Blanchard anticipates the JMP board will again be able to invest early childhood funding in impactful ways in FY22 and encouraged the board to think of ideas prior to the May board meeting when the final budget will be approved. Options could include Business Investment Program, mental health initiatives, quality improvement grants, expanding preschool scholarship outreach, and provider incentives. Blanchard will send the updated budget proposal to the board.
- V. Other:
- VI. Adjournment: **Motion** by Lindberg to adjourn. **Seconded** by Cameron. Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm. The JMP Board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 5:15 pm via virtual meeting platform.