

**JASPER, MARION, AND POWESHIEK (JMP) COUNTIES EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA
BOARD MEETING Minutes**

Foundation Offices at Ahrens Park, 1510 Penrose St, Grinnell, IA 50112
5:30 pm - Wednesday, April 19, 2023

County	Name	Present		Absent	Excused	Unexcused	Non-Board
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P	Patricia Hinrichs-(human services)		X				
M	Rachel Cecil (citizen)			X	X		
M	Brian Kingrey (education)- Board Chair		X				
J	Mitzi Smith (faith)		X				
P	Doug Cameron (consumer)-			X	X		
P	Mary Lindberg (citizen)		X				
J	Britney Schnathorst (citizen) Board Treasurer		X				
J	Julie Wendl (health)		X				
M	Michael Kacmarynski- (business) Board Vice-Chair		X				
	Amy Blanchard (Director)	X					X
	Brenda O'Halloran (CCR&R)		X				X
	Denice Fischer (Jasper ISU Ext Early Care and Ed)		X				X
	Nikki Harter (MICA Family Connections)		X				X
	Lora Patton (CCR&R)		X				X
	Kim Dorn (MCPH PAT)		X				X
	Stephanie Walters (MICA Family Connections)		X				X
	Shauna Callaway (UP-GRPH Postpartum Home Visits)		X				X
	Leann Andre (CCR&R)		X				X
	Valerie Steinbach (GCELC)		X				X

- I. The meeting was called to order by Kingrey, Chair, at 5:31 pm. Meeting participation was available in-person at the location noted above and via virtual meeting.
- II. Roll Call: JMP board members present include Hinrichs, Kacmarynski, Kingrey, Lindberg, Schnathorst, Smith, and Wendl.
- III. **Motion** to approve minutes from January 25, 2023, meeting by Wendl. **Seconded** by Hinrichs. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment: Andre gave a brief report regarding CCR&R, highlighting the training reimbursement program from DHS available to providers. Dorn reported a summary of home visits provided by MCPH for the quarter: 100 children, 68 families, and 160 home visits. Hazelton has returned to work. Walters reported 17 families are active in the program and they are taking advantage of beautiful weather to meet outside.
- V. Executive and Committee Reports:
 - a. Treasurer's Report: Report current through April 13 was included in the board packet, as well as charitable statements for JMP and Jasper PAT. Schnathorst reported spending is on track. Estimated carryforward will be approximately \$122,000, per Blanchard's estimate. The report was proudly filed for audit by Kingrey.
 - b. Preschool Scholarship Report: Report was included in the board packet. We are serving 66 children with scholarships at 13 preschools. Blanchard noted that Educational Savings Accounts (ESA) approved by the legislature for private school tuition do not extend to preschool students.

- c. ECI Director Report: Report was included in the board packet. JMP is due for designation review in 2024 with materials due by October 31, 2023. Blanchard attended the Jim Gill event in Newton sponsored by JMP and thanked the board for supporting his visit.

VI. Old Business

- a. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Transition Plan: Brief discussion regarding the status of ECI structure and funding. Many questions, zero assurances.

VII. New Business:

- a. CPPC Community Event Support: Two pool events open to families in Jasper and Poweshiek Counties will happen in June. Pool rental and sun/water safety items will be provided by CPPC but Blanchard is unsure if funding for snacks will be available. Blanchard will seed CPPC funds first but is requesting board approval to spend from the charitable account if needed. **Motion** to approve up to \$300 for snacks per event from the JMP charitable fund by Hinrichs. **Seconded** by Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. GCELC Request for Additional Support for Sliding Fee Scale: Grinnell Community Early Learning Center has expended 88% of their budgeted amount due to increased need. Steinbach inquired if additional support might be available, not to exceed \$8,000. Board tabled discussion until the next meeting in order to fully consider the FY24 budget draft and potential carryforward.
- c. Quarterly DAISEY Data Reports: Board reviewed quarterly data sheets for MICA Family Connections and MCPH PAT for Jasper and Marion Counties. DAISEY embarked on a renaming plan on April 10 which made accessing the data in time for the board's consideration a challenge. The changes have been made and the board received the updated reports.
- d. RFP Presentations: Five programs submitted renewal requests for funding for FY24. Each program had no more than 7 minutes to present to the board followed by no more than 10 minutes of questions from the board. The board heard presentations from the following programs:
 - i. GCELC
 - ii. MICA Family Connections
 - iii. CCR&R
 - iv. UP-GRPH
 - v. ISU Extension

VIII. Other: Board briefly discussed budgeting philosophy for FY24 and consideration of requests that fall outside the JMP mission.

IX. Adjournment: **Motion** by Wendl, channeling Cameron, to adjourn. **Seconded** unnecessarily by Lindberg who had not made the minutes yet. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The JMP Board is scheduled to next meet on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 5:30 pm via Zoom.