

**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, June 21, 2023

County	Name	Present		Absent	Excused	Unexcused	Non-Board
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P	Patricia Hinrichs-(human services)	X					
M	VACANT (citizen)						
M	Brian Kingrey (education)- Board Chair	X					
J	Mitzi Smith (faith)	X					
P	Doug Cameron (consumer)-	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
	Mindy Clayton (MICA Family Connections)	X					X
	Nikki Harter (MICA Family Connections)	X					X
	Stephanie Walters (MICA Family Connections)	X					X

- I. The meeting was called to order by Kingrey, Chair, at 5:50 pm. All in attendance enjoyed a light meal.
- II. Roll Call: JMP board members present include Cameron, Hinrichs, Kacmarynski, Kingrey, Lindberg, Schnathorst, Smith, and Wendl.
- III. **Motion** to approve minutes of April 19, May 3, and May 17 board meetings by Kacmarynski. **Seconded** by Hinrichs. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment: O'Halloran reported they expect to spend all incentive funds for this fiscal year and she is working with several new providers that are getting registered. Assisting programs with IQ4K applications is taking a lot of time which will be reflected in the performance measures this year. Walters reported the program still has openings. She has shared items from the CPPC pool event with families. Program credential has been extended to September 2024 and they expect a site visit in December or January of this year.
- V. Executive and Committee Reports
  - a. Treasurer's Report: Most programs are approximately 90% spent out. The FY24 budget was approved in Iowa Grants though the State is aware the board will have to reallocate the funding designated for Marion County Public Health. Carry-forward is expected to be within the allowable amount. Report was filed for audit.
  - b. Preschool Scholarship Report: The summary included in the board packet reflects the total amount spent per preschool for the year. All preschools have submitted their data reports and eight preschools have responded to the grant opportunity. Blanchard has not been able to reach one preschool but Schnathorst solved the problem via text.
  - c. ECI Director Report: Report was included in the board packet. Blanchard highlighted work with Jasper ISU Extension office to shore up a few things after Denice Fischer left the office.

Blanchard reported that Shauna Callaway is leaving Poweshiek Public Health. FY24 JMP contracts are ready for provider signatures and will be sent soon.

VI. Old Business:

- a. Board is still seeking a Marion County board representative. Blanchard did some recruiting at the Marion County economic development meeting. Gender balance will still come into play. Board is seeking a consumer perspective. Application has been converted to a Google form to ease the application process.

VII. New Business:

- a. Termination of Marion County Public Health Parents as Teachers Program in Jasper and Marion Counties: Kingrey and Blanchard shared information to the best of their knowledge about the termination of the PAT contract per the notice given unexpectedly by Kim Dorn on June 16. Discussion followed including the responsibilities MCPH has to properly close a program of this magnitude and impact, the responsibilities the board has to assist MCPH, the challenges presented by the nature of the termination and the timeline, and the impact this has on the FY24 budget. Board discussed potential partners that could host a PAT program, the steps to invite proposals, and the challenges of doing so in an equitable manner. A board member recommended the JMP board communicate directly with the Marion County Supervisors to help clarify the situation. Blanchard will draft a letter. No action can be taken on the budget at this time. Blanchard will begin working with potential providers to discuss options.
- b. Review FY24 JMP Board Goals: Board reviewed self-assessment feedback and goals for the year. Board has the potential to think differently about the budget with the \$302,972 now available in the absence of the MCPH contract.
- c. Review FY24 Board Meeting Calendar: Calendar mirrors the previous year with a potential extra meeting scheduled for September. JMP is scheduled for designation review this year so those items have been added to the scheduled topics list.
- d. JMP Conflict of Interest Statements: Blanchard shared a link for the Google version of the form. She will collate the conflicts and share them with the board in August.
- e. Election of Officers for FY24: After discussion, **motion** by Cameron to approve the leadership slate of Kingrey as Chair, Hinrichs as Vice-Chair, and Kacmarynski as Treasurer. **Seconded** by Wendl. Motion passed unanimously. Scotcheroos may or may not have been promised as incentives to lead. Kingrey will work for Swedish Fish.

VIII. Other: Blanchard expressed sincere appreciation for the board's leadership and guidance the past few weeks.

IX. Adjournment: **Motion** by Cameron to adjourn. Next meeting is scheduled for August 30 via Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.