

**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 24, 2024

County	Name	Present		Absent	Excused	Unexcused	Non-Board
		IP	V				
P	Patricia Hinrichs-(human services)- Board Vice Chair		X				
M	Denise Bontrager (citizen)		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	X		
J	Julie Wendl (health)		X				
M	Michael Kacmarynski- (business) Board Treasurer		X				
	Amy Blanchard (Director)	X					X
	Brenda O'Halloran (CCR&R)		X				X
	Jasmine Bailey (Jasper ISU Ext Early Care and Ed)		X				X
	Robyn Belden (MICA Family Connections)		X				X
	Lora Patton (CCR&R)		X				X
	Leann Andre (CCR&R)		X				X
	Megan Thompson (MICA CCNC- Poweshiek and Jasper)		X				X
	Jenn West (MICA CCNC- Poweshiek and Jasper)		X				X
	Brooke Holder (UP-GRPH Postpartum Home Visits)		X				X
	Leann Andre (CCR&R)		X				X
	Valerie Steinbach (GCELC)		X				X
	Tracey Boxx (American Home Finding CCNC- Marion)		X				X
	Julie Meeker (American Home Finding CCNC- Marion)		X				X
	Mandi Lauderman (AHFA CCNC- Marion)		X				X
	Sheena Sullivan (Short Years Partnership)		X				X
	Rachel Bardwell (Short Years Partnership)		X				X

- I. The meeting was called to order by Kingrey, Chair, at 5:32 pm. Meeting participation was available in-person at the location noted above and via virtual meeting.
- II. Roll Call: JMP board members present include Bontrager, Hinrichs, Kacmarynski, Kingrey, Lindberg, Smith, and Wendl.
- III. JMP Contract Renewal Presentations from Providers
 - a. RFP Presentations: All currently funded programs were invited to submit requests for funding for FY25. Each program had no more than 7 minutes to present to the board followed by no more than 7-8 minutes of questions from the board. Each program was encouraged to speak about a highlight from the current contract year, a challenge encountered by the program and/or their intended clients, a goal or plan to address identified challenges, and any points of interest the board should note in the program's proposed budget for FY25. The following programs presented in this order:
 - i. UnityPoint-Grinnell Regional Public Health Postpartum Home Visits
 - ii. Grinnell Community Early Learning Center Sliding Fee Scale

- iii. American Home Finding Association Child Care Nurse Consultant (Marion County)
- iv. MICA Child Care Nurse Consultant (Jasper and Poweshiek Counties)
- v. MICA Family Connections
- vi. Jasper County Extension Early Care and Education
- vii. Child Care Resource and Referral Consultant, Training, and Incentives
- viii. Short Years Partnership Parents as Teachers
- ix. Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation Coordination Services

- IV. Other: Board briefly discussed preschool scholarship challenges for FY25 in relation to wrap around and extended day scholarship support. Board discussed potential to create a policy regarding wrap-around care. Blanchard will add a question about wrap-around options to the preschool data survey to help gauge what the demand might be.
- V. Adjournment: **Motion** by Wendl, channeling her inner Cameron, to adjourn. **Seconded** unnecessarily by Hinrichs but who wanted to give voice to the unanimous joy of ending a long but informative meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm. The JMP Board is scheduled to next meet on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 5:30 pm via Zoom.