

Johnson County Empowerment-Early Childhood Iowa Board
Meeting Minutes
Special Board Meeting for Continued Review/ Action on Funding Requests:
6-7:30 PM Thursday, June 3, 2021
(with 6/15/21 correction)

Members present via video: Chris Carman, Pat Heiden, Rick Leyendecker, Richard Lipman, Emily O'Sheridan-Tabor, Lori Roetlin, Susan Dale Wall.

Members absent: Joan Tephly, Marguerite Oetting, Angel Taylor

Staff Present: Laurie Nash, Samantha Turnbull

Guests: Debbie Ackerman of Johnson County Public Health Department

Board Chair Richard Lipman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, attendance was taken, and a quorum was recognized with 7 of 10 members present (as reflected above).

1. Public Comment No public comments were received.

2. Meeting Background: This is a Special Meeting of the Board called to continue reviewing 11 applications received for a one year RFP (related to lessening negative impact from the Covid19 pandemic on young children and their families in Johnson County). At the Board's May 20, 2021 regular meeting, members found that clarifications were needed on several applications, including info on matching funds, bidders' ability to offer a functioning program with fewer funds and the allowability of some proposed expenditures.

3. FY22 RFP Applications [Board Action] \$113,591 is available to fund some portion of the applications received for one year special project funding, as specified in the April, 2021 RFP. A majority of Board members submitted detailed review forms for these 11 proposals. Sam compiled a spreadsheet with the combined scores, categorization (Priority groups 1,2 and 3) and ranking for the Board review forms, which was previously shared with the Board.

At tonight's meeting, the Board discussed different approaches to making these difficult funding decisions, including options for:

- Using Priority categories (1,2,3) and board point totals as a means for narrowing the applications considered for funding.
- Factoring in adjusted budget figures submitted by a number of applicants which scaled back the scope of their project or which included increased matching funds.
- Considering a standard proportional cut applied to each of the highest scoring applications.
- Some combination of the above.

The group reviewed the additional information that was received from a number of applicants since the last board meeting. Lori Roetlin noted the overall community need for additional care for children with special needs. **Lori moved that the Arc of SE Iowa Preschool request be moved up for consideration as part of the Priority One category. Seconded by Susan Dale Wall. Passed unanimously.**

Chris Carman noted several unique strengths of the JCPH Child Care Nurse Consultant request: a) It directly supports local childcare providers in implementing to Covid19 safety measures. b) it uses a systemic approach

which will serve a significant number of both non-profit and private childcare programs. c) the project budget was revised to include significant co-funding by JCPH.

Lori Roetlin moved to fund NCJC Group Based Parent Education at their revised proposed level of \$21,000. Seconded by Richard Lipman. Passed unanimously.

Susan Dale Wall moved to fund the NCJC Welcome Back to Early Learning at their revised proposed level of \$19,295. Richard Lipman seconded. Passed with 5 YES votes (Chris Carman, Pat Heiden, Rick Leyendecker, Richard Lipman, Susan Dale Wall) and 2 NO votes (Emily O’Sherridan-Tabor, Lori Roetlin)

Chris Carman moved to fund the GWAEA CART request at a level of \$1,776.40, with the understanding that should additional carryforward funds be identified, CART would be a priority for funding the balance of its original \$3,674 request. Seconded by Pat Heiden. Passed unanimously.

Chris Carman moved to fund all the revised Priority One programs at the levels shown below. Lori Roetlin seconded. Passed unanimously.

JCPH Child Care Nurse Consultant	\$58,448.00
NCJC Group Based Parent Education:	\$21,000.00
GWAEA CART Additional Funding:	\$1,776.40
RVAP Child Sexual Abuse Prevention:	\$4,000.00
NCJC Welcome Back to Early Learning:	\$19,295.00
<u>The Arc of SE Iowa Preschool:</u>	<u>\$9,072.00</u>
Total:	\$113,591.40

4. Nominating Committee: Chris Carman invited Board Members to share names of potential new members with him by June 11th for either the Faith representative seat or the “Helping Services” seat. The Nominating Committee will meet to review and prioritize among the suggested candidates (while also screening for base qualifications).

5. Adjourned by Board Chair Richard Lipman at 6:58 PM

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: Thursday, June 17, 2021 6:30-8:00 PM

Submitted by Board Secretary Chris Carman