

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

MercyOne Medical Center, 204 N 4th Ave, Newton
Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 5:15 pm

Name	Present	Absent	Excused	Unexcused	Non-Board
Steve Bernemann (human services)		X	X		
Kisha Jahner (elected)	X				
VACANT (faith)					
Brian Kingrey (education)	X				
Doug Cameron (consumer) Treasurer	X				
Mary Lindberg (citizen) Board Chair	X				
Britney Schnathorst (citizen) Board Vice Chair		X	X		
Julie Wendl (health)	X				
Michael Kacmarynski (business)	X				
Amy Blanchard (JMP ECI Director)	X				X
Denise Fischer (ISU Ext Early Care and Ed)	X				X
Sue Gienger (CCR&R)	X				X
Melissa Woodhouse (MCPH I-Smile, via phone)	X				
Valerie Steinbach (GCELC, via phone)	X				

- I. The meeting was called to order by Schnathorst, Vice-Chair, at 5:20 pm. Lindberg arrived at 5:25. A remote call-in option was available for this meeting with wifi access granted by MercyOne Medical Center.
- II. Roll Call: JMP Board Members present include Cameron, Jahner, Kacmarynski (via phone), Kingrey, Lindberg, Schnathorst, and Wendl. A quorum was reached.
- III. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve** minutes of January 22, 2020, board meeting by Jahner. **Seconded** by Wendl. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment: Fischer shared the first draft of the Symposium brochure featuring nine breakout sessions. Gienger shared about upcoming trainings and new child care home provider applications. There will be a Week of the Young Child event in Pella on April 18. Woodhouse shared updated numbers of children served with I-Smile services and the addition of two new preschool sites. Jahner asked why a preschool would decline I-Smile services. Woodhouse conjectures the reasons differ by preschool. Steinbach reported the Grinnell Early Learning Center (GCELC) celebrated its 50th anniversary and will apply to be reinstated as a QRS 5 facility in March.
- V. Treasurer's Report: The fiscal report current through 2/21/2020 was included in packet. Board also reviewed JMP charitable statements. Report was filed for audit.
- VI. Director Report: The Director Report was included with the board packet. Blanchard highlighted the PSAs for Child Abuse Prevention Month in Poweshiek County, efforts to recruit a new Jasper County board member and attendance at the Iowa Women's Foundation luncheon at the Capitol.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Board reviewed the FY19 contract monitoring schedule. The Marion County Public Health site visit on March 6th will only include Parents as Teachers and I-Smile. The Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC) visit will be pushed to a later date when Laura Peterson, the CCNC, can attend. Discussion

followed regarding the challenge for MCPH to provide CCNC services across 10 counties and how to best allocate the cost among 4 ECI areas when MCPH must issue four RFPs to four different boards. Blanchard is organizing a joint site visit among ECI directors to allow for discussion. A blank site visit form was included in the board packet for board members to prepare for site visits

VIII. New Business

- a. The JMP board reviewed the timeline for the upcoming ECI designation site visit. Blanchard will send the Community Plan and other helpful documents in advance of the meeting next Tuesday.
- b. The board is still seeking a faith representative from Jasper County to replace Muriel Johannessen. Blanchard has issued a press release to the newspaper and local radio.
- c. JMP board completed a board self-evaluation form. Feedback from the form helps inform advocacy priorities and board development for the next fiscal year. Board members spent 10 minutes filling out the form and completed forms were given to Blanchard.
- d. Board discussed the ECI Director Evaluation. Last evaluation was completed in June 2019. Board decided it was unnecessary to complete another one so soon but agreed it was important to give feedback prior to reviewing granting for the next fiscal year. Blanchard will add ECI Director Evaluation to the agenda for February of 2021.

IX. Other-Blanchard distributed invitations for the ECI Designation site visit to board members for sharing in communities.

- X. Adjournment: **Motion** by Cameron to adjourn. **Seconded** by Kingrey. Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm. The JMP Board is scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 1 pm in Grinnell for the Designation Site Visit. Next regularly scheduled board meeting will be April 22, 2020 at 5:15 pm in Newton.