

Quad Counties 4 Kids Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 23, 2024
Creston Elementary School – 805 Academic Ave, Creston, IA 6:00 PM

Chairperson Don Gee called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. with the following members in attendance: Angie Mullen, Jim Karp, Jen Frederick, Kristina Harris, Sandra Donaldson (V)

Excused Absent: Al Rusk

Unexcused Absent:

Others Present: Jenny Robinson, (Director)

Public Guests: Shelley Horak, Director, Early Intervention and Support)

Additions/Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. Angie Mullen moved that the agenda be approved. Jim Karp seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of August 28, 2024 Meetings

The minutes of the August 28, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Angie Mullen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Karp seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Shelley Horak presented to the board an overview of HHS Early Intervention and Support and new initiative projects in the state, including Thrive.

Report from the Finance Committee

The following is recap of revenue and expenses as listed on the financial report and ledger for FY2025:

- FY2025 Early Childhood: Financial Report and Ledger distributed for review. Total spent \$5,008.88 or 9.22% of funds YTD, with remaining funds of \$49,319.33.
- FY2025 School Ready: Financial Report and Ledger distributed for review. Total spent \$69,955.96 or 19.14% of funds YTD, with remaining funds of \$293,676.27.

Kristina Harris moved to approve the FY2025 financial reports and ledgers as presented. Angie Mullen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Director Report to the Board

Calendar items were presented to the board for review.

Past events highlighted included Taylor County Health Fair and Board Merger Workgroup meetings.

Iowa Early Childhood Mental Health Summit will be held on Friday, October 25 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

HCCI and Iowa Family Support Network (IFSN) newsletters distributed to the board.

Free Family Resource highlights include Iowa Sesame Workshop, Iowa Children at Home Resource and Iowa Navigators for health insurance assistance.

Shared Visions Preschool 5 Year grant application will be available on November 21, 2024 and due January 22, 2025. <https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/early-childhood/shared-visions-preschool-program>

ECI Board Merger

ECI board merger was presented and discussed with a one-page summary of details that the work group recommended, effective July 1, 2025 for FY2026. This includes merging Union, Adams, Ringgold and Taylor into the Kids First Communities (KFC) ECI area with Clarke, Decatur and Wayne. The new merged ECI area will include 7 counties. This will be reviewed at the ECI State board meeting on Friday, November 1 for state approval.

Jen Frederick moved to approve the merger of the two ECI boards, Quad Counties and Kids First Communities as presented. Krisina Harris seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

State Report Updates

FY2023 Audit is still pending.

FY2024 Annual Report was rescinded for minor corrections. Director has met with the TA team to discuss and it was resubmitted on October 14, 2024.

Contract Monitoring

FY2025 Contract Monitoring schedule was distributed to the board and was uploaded into IowaGrants as required. This is the only requirement for program contract review. Site Visits are not required, but are good practice in the Quad Counties area.

Professional Development

Board members are encouraged to attend the IA Early Childhood Mental Health Summit on October 25 8-2:00 PM. Association Annual Conference invite was also distributed and will be held on Thursday, November 14 9:30-3:00 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn West Des Moines. Anyone interested can let Jenny know.

Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be January 22, 2025 at the Creston Elementary School at 6:00 PM. This will be a hybrid meeting. Future meetings include 3/26/2025, 5/28/2025, 6/25/2025.

Adjournment

Angie Mullen moved to adjourn the meeting. Jen Frederick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Robinson, Director

Jen Frederick, Recording Secretary