

Quad Counties 4 Kids Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Pizza Ranch Conference Room 1 – 520 Livingston Ave, Creston, IA 6:00 PM

Chairperson Don Gee called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. with the following members in attendance:
Jen Frederick, Sandra Donaldson, Angie Mullen,

Excused Absent: Al Rusk, Kristina Harris

Unexcused Absent:

Others Present: Jenny Robinson (Director)

Public Guests: Kristie Nixon, SWCC PAT

Additions/Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2026 Meeting

The minutes of the January 28, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Angie Mullen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jen Frederick seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Report from the Finance Committee

The following is recap of revenue and expenses as listed on the financial report and ledger for FY2026:

- FY2026 Early Childhood Funds: Total spent YTD \$184,923.66 or 49.64% of total funds, with a total anticipated spend of \$322,174.57 or approximately 86.5%.
- FY2024 Audit has been completed, and Quad Counties had no findings. The state audit was distributed for review. There is an error in the report and it has Jenny Robison listed as Director of Early Childhood Iowa Muscatine county, which is incorrect. FY2025 audit has started.

Sandra Donaldson moved to approve the FY2026 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. Updates included:

ECI Day on the Hill was March 24, 2026. 2025-2026 Kindergarten Fall Early Literacy Screening Data reviewed. Don will discuss at the school board meeting on trends.

Continuum of care 2nd round of grants \$5.2 M awarded. None is our area.

DECAT/CPPC Mini Grants available for Adams, Union, Ringgold counties.

ECI Restructuring (Currently HF2712/SF 2462 currently no updates.

CCA Eligibility (HFR2514) Passed the Senate HHS committee 13-0.

HHS Services Alignment (SF2338/HF2707)

Upcoming events include AECIABA Legislative Updates Every Monday 10AM, Tall Cop at SWCC in Creston on Tuesday, April 7 6:00 PM, ECE Spring Conference on April 11 at Trinity Luthern Church with 59 signed up currently, partners that will be there include CCRR, Mid Sioux FMC, IAAEYC. Board will provide a fruit basket for the event that Kristie will order and pickup. Kids Jamboree Monday, April 20 4:30-6:30 PM in Central Park in Corning.

ECI Report Review

FY2026 Quad Counties Mid-Term Summary Review – Report was compiled and distributed for the board review.

ECI State Annual Report Review - Report was distributed for board review.

FY2027 Insurance

FY2027 ICAP Renewal was discussed and Jen Frederick made a motion to approve ICAP insurance for FY2027, Angie Mullen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Annual FY2026 Board/Director Evaluation

The Annual Board/Director Evaluation will be created in Survey Monkey again and sent out to all board members to complete.

FY2027 RFP Timeline/Committee

FY2027 RFP timeline was reviewed, and application will be released March 30, and FY2027 RFP Funding Review Committee volunteers include Kristina, Don and Sandra. RFP Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 6:00 PM Pizza Rance.

Professional Development

State ECI Board meeting is Friday, April 10 (9:00 AM-12:00 PM) for anyone board members who wish to attend.

Kids Jamboree (Corning Central Park) Monday, April 20 4:30-6:30 PM for any board members wanting to volunteer to help.

Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting will May 27, 2026 with future meeting scheduled on June 24, 2026.

Agency/Community Updates

SWCC PAT will be hosting community baby showers and there is a car seat check event with partners Union County PH, GRMC and the Creston Police.

Adjournment

Sandra Donaldson moved to adjourn the meeting. Jen Frederick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Robinson, Director

Sandra Donaldson, Recording Secretary