

Kids First Communities Board Meeting
Hybrid Meeting
In-Person Meeting: The Village - Osceola
Electronic Meeting: VIA Zoom
January 16, 2025 • 5:00 PM

Mary DeLong, Board Chair called the board meeting to order at 5:03 PM with a declaration of a quorum.

Board Members Present:

Mary DeLong, Clarke (required human services); Athena Porter, Decatur (required consumer); Marvin McCann, Clarke (required education); Kathy Lerma, Decatur (required health); Linda Prunty, Wayne (public/elected official); Ron Schlichte, Clarke (required business)

Board Members Absent: Excused: Donna Murphy, Wayne (required faith);

Director Present: Jenny Robinson

Guests: Holly Rash (Decatur County Public Health); Kristie Vasey (Orchard Place CCRR);

No additions or corrections to agenda.

Motion to approve agenda: Marvin McCann

Second: Athena Porter

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously.

After reviewing minutes from the 10/17/2024 meeting, motion to approve minutes as presented.

Motion to approve: Marvin McCann

Second: Mary DeLong

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Financial Reports

- **FY2025 Financial Reports**
 - Early Childhood: FY2025 Financial Report and Ledger distributed for review.
Total spent YTD of \$37,250.57 or 41% of funds spent YTD, with anticipated spend of \$76,684.63 or 83%.
 - School Ready: FY2025 Financial Report and Ledger distributed for review.
Total spent YTD of \$145,363.30 or 34% of funds spent YTD, with anticipated spend of \$362,491.38 or 85%.

After review of the FY2025 financial reports, a motion was made to approve the FY2025 financial reports and claims as presented.

Motion to approve: Ron Schlichte

Second: Linda Prunty

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously

Director Report

Copies of the Director report was distributed for Board member review and discussion. Meetings attended since our last meeting were recapped on the report. The following items were highlighted:

- Shared Visions Preschool - 5 Year Grant application will be available on November 21, 2024 and due January 22, 2025.
- Child Care Business Incentive Grant, which included funding awarded to Decatur County Hospital in Leon!
- 2025 Condition of the State Event, including proposals to launch and Early Childhood Continuum of Care Grant program announced, along with improving Preschool Quality and data, strengthening Child Care

workforce and extension of child care CCA eligibility for child care workers and tax rates for child care centers.

- HHS announcement included that ECI area will be going to a 7-district area.
- HCCI December Newsletter

Agency/Community Updates

Program highlight for the board included Clarke and Decatur PAT program. Holly Rash, PAT Supervisor presented to the group.

New Business:

- RFP Timeline was reviewed by the board. The RFP will be released on Monday, March 10, 2025 and will be a renewal for FY2026 and will be due on Thursday, April 10, 2025.
- RFP Committee for FY2026 will be Ron Schlichte, Kathy Lerma, Linda Prunty with Athena Porter or Mary DeLong as backup if someone is unable to make it. The committee will be mailed copies of the RFP during the week of April 14 and will meet the week do April 28 to review.

After review, a motion was made to approve the FY2026 RFP Committee.

Motion to approve: Athena Porter

Second: Marvin McCann

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously

- KFC Mid Term Iowa Grant Required Report was reviewed for approval.
After review, a motion was made to approve the FY2025 Mid Term Report
Motion to approve: Ron Schlichte
Second: Marvin McCann
Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously
- KFC Mid Term Family Support data was presented to the board for review, which included serving 79 children, 62 families and performing 316 home visits.

Old Business:

- FY2023 Audit pending. FY2024 Annual Report approved.
- FY2026 Board Merger Update includes State ECI Board approved the merge at the November 1 state board meeting. Programs were notified in December and the new board RFP will be released on March 10. Location for board meetings will be hybrid and in person at the Methodist Church in Afton. Part time position will be on hold at this time due to the state upcoming changes.

Board Development

- Board member, Donna Murphy, Wayne Faith Representative, has submitted her resignation due to moving out of the area.

After review, a motion was made to accept the resignation of Donna Murphy

Motion to approve: Marvin McCann

Second: Linda Prunty

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously

Meeting dates

Next board meeting will be March 20 at 5:00 PM at The Village in Osceola. Future meetings May 15 (Joint Meeting in Afton at 6:00 PM, June 19, 2025.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Ron Schlichte seconded by Linda Prunty, followed by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Submitted Jenny Robinson, KFC Director

Recorded by Athena Porter, KFC Secretary