

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

Mary DeLong, Board Chair called the board meeting to order at 5:01 PM with a declaration of a quorum.

Board Members Present:

Mary DeLong, Clarke (required human services); Ron Schlichte, Clarke (required business); Athena Porter, Decatur (required consumer); Marvin McCann, Clarke (required education); Kathy Lerma, Decatur (required health);

Board Members Absent: Linda Prunty, Wayne (public/elected official)

Director Present: Jenny Robinson

Guests: Justice Parker, Citizen and interested Board Member

No additions or corrections to agenda.

Motion to approve agenda: Marvin McCann

Second: Ron Schlichte

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously.

After reviewing minutes from the 8/14/2025 Board Meeting, motion to approve minutes as presented.

Motion to approve: Kathy Lerma

Second: Marvin McCann

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously.

Agency Updates:

None

Reports:

Financial Reports

- **FY2026 Financial Reports**

- FY2026 Financial Report and Ledger distributed for review.

Total spent YTD of \$70,529.94 or 16%, with \$374,309.63 Anticipated to Spend, with a \$69,857.01

Carry Over balance.

After review of the FY2026 financial report and ledger, a motion was made to approve the FY2026 financial reports and claims as presented.

Motion to approve: Ron Schlichte

Second: Marvin McCann

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:

- Open RFPs in Iowa Grants include:
 - Thrive Iowa - Due Dec 1
 - Expanding Iowa Early Childhood Continuum of Care - Due Jan 28
 - MOMS (More Options for Maternal Support) - Due Oct 20

- DECAT/CPPC Mini Grants will be available this year of \$500-950 for Wayne, Decatur and Clarke to support local events or programs that benefit children and families 0-18 that meets one of the four strategies of CPPC and that serves an identified target population.
- State ECI Workgroup Meeting scheduled for Oct 17 and State ECI Board Meeting scheduled for Nov 7.
- SCICAP recruiting for a FaDSS Family Development Specialist
- Board Member application for board to review.

New Business

- FY2023 Audit Summary was reviewed by the board. No Findings for Kids First Communities.
- An ECI district update was given to the KFC board. Current maps were reviewed of the new districts and ECI areas. District 5 is not planning on submitting a letter of intent to merge into the district. Discussion on options for the KFC board if district 4 forms, which currently shares the director, including subcontracting with current director, hiring, or possibly merging with another ECI area. All on hold at this time, board continues to wait for state ECI updates for FY2027.
- Program/Contract Monitoring schedule has been uploaded into Iowa Grants as required. Q2 Site Visits include Mormon Trail, Seymour and Clarke/Decatur PAT program.

Old Business:

- None

Board Development

Association Annual Conference is November 13, 2026 in Des Moines. Board members wishing to attend, let Jenny know.

Potential new board member, Justice Parker introduction and expressed interest in joining the board. Application has been submitted.

Meeting dates

Next board meeting will be January 15, 2026 at 5:00 PM at The Village in Osceola, if any updates come from the ECI State Meetings. Future meetings include March 19, 2026.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Ron Schlichte, seconded by Marvin McCann, followed by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Submitted Jenny Robinson, KFC Director

Recorded by Athena Porter, KFC Secretary