

Kids First Communities Board Meeting
Hybrid Meeting
In-Person Meeting: The Village - Osceola
Electronic Meeting: VIA Zoom
October 17, 2024 • 5:00 PM

Mary DeLong, Board Chair called the board meeting to order at 5:02 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); Donna Murphy, Wayne (required faith); Kathy Lerma, Decatur (required health);

Board Members Absent: Excused: Linda Prunty, Wayne (public/elected official); Ron Schlichte, Clarke (required business)

Director Present: Jenny Robinson

Guests: Heather Marsh (MATURA CCNC); Angie Pettie (MATURA Dental); Emily Ide (MATURA Program Director); Michelle Greenough (Orchard Place CCRR); Shelly Horak (Director, Iowa HHS Early Intervention and Support); Crystal Hansen (The Village)

No additions or corrections to agenda.

Motion to approve agenda: Marvin McCann

Second: Donna Murphy

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously.

After reviewing minutes from the 8/15/2024 meeting, motion to approve minutes as presented.

Motion to approve: Kathy Lerma

Second: Marvin McCann

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 \$17,440.78 or 19% of funds spent YTD, remaining balance \$74,329.19.
 - School Ready: FY2025 Financial Report and Ledger distributed for review.
Total spent YTD of \$45,183.79 or 11% of funds spent YTD, with a remaining balance of \$386,200.55.

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

Motion to approve: Marvin McCann

Second: Mary DeLong

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:

- Iowa Early Childhood Mental Health Virtual Summit will be held Friday, October 25 8-2:00 PM
- HCCI (Healthy Child Care Iowa) and IFSN (Iowa Family Support Network) flyers were shared with the board.
- Free Family Resources to share include Iowa Sesame Workshop resource, Iowa's Children at Home Resource and Iowa Navigators for health insurance resources.
- Iowa's new HHS Child Care Search can be found at <http://search.iachildconnect.org/>

- Shared Visions Preschool - 5 Year Grant application will be available on November 21, 2024 and due January 22, 2025.
- Upcoming Events include ECI State Board Meeting – Nov 1; Association Annual Conference – Nov 14

Agency/Community Updates

Program highlight for the board included CCNC and Dental programs offered by MATURA. Heather Marsh with MATURA highlighted the CCNC program for the board and Angie Pettit for the Dental/Oral Health program. CCNC participation includes 57% in Clarke, 50% in Decatur, 83% in Wayne. On-site and virtual technical assistance is available for CCNC services, along with in-person or virtual classes. Two virtual CCNC trainings will be available in the evenings in November and December for providers. Dental highlights included providing dental checks for all Preschool and Child care providers in the KFC area. Included are fluoride treatments, education, and follow up care coordination.

Shelly Horak presented and updated the board on the new structure for Early Intervention and Support programs in the state, along with a new pilot initiative, Thrive.

New Business:

- 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.

After review, a motion was made to approve the FY2026 Local ECI Board Merger as presented.

Motion to approve: Mary DeLong

Second: Kathy Lerma

Action: All ayes motion carried unanimously

- ECI State Board Meeting will be held Friday, November 1. Mary DeLong and Kathy Lerma will try to attend for the state approval of the local boards.
- Association Annual Conference will be held Thursday, November 14. Mary DeLong and Kathy Lerma have been asked to lead breakout sessions.
- Required Contract Monitoring schedule was uploaded into Iowa Grants. Site visits will include CCRR/The Orchard place on 11/13 at 1:00 PM. Others in November will include Decatur County PH/PAT program, MATURA CCNC/Dental and IECMHA with Amanda at the Village.

Old Business:

- FY2023 Audit pending.
- FY2024 Annual Report still being reviewed for approval.

Board Development

- Board members encouraged to attend the IA Early Childhood Mental Health Summit and the Annual Association Conference.

Meeting dates

Next board meeting will be January 16 2025 at 5:00 PM at The Village in Osceola. No meeting in November or December. Future meeting March 20, May 15, June 19, 2025.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Marvin McCann seconded by Athena Porter, followed by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.