

**CORNER COUNTIES EARLY CHILDHOOD AREA (CCECA)
EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – AUGUST 9, 2011**

Present: Bill Lawrence/Chair (CCECA Board member); Jayne Wilson/CCECA Board member; Pam Herzberg/CCECA Director; Jolene Mitchell/CCR&R; Sherry Hamsch/South Page Preschool; Rita Sickels/Matura Action Corp/WIC; Rachel Jewell/Kornerstone Kids Child Care; Angela Blair-Wallick/SWIA Families; Linda Orme Jenkins/SWIA Families; Julie Streitenberger/Grandma's House Day Care; Julie Thomas/Taylor Co. Public Health; Tara Weed/Taylor Co. Public Health; Joan Gallagher/Taylor Co. Public Health; Renee Bond/GSF Page Co.; Kathleen Keefer/SWIA Families/Positive Family; Julia Cavin/Clarinda Community Preschool; Allyson Forney/Fremont-Mills Community School District and Terri Henderson/Turnbull Child Development Center

Call to Order/Welcome:

Bill Lawrence/Chair called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes from the April 5, 2011 Early Childhood Advisory Committee Meeting

Bill asked those in attendance to review the minutes. There were no comments or changes suggested.

Early Childhood Update

Pam Herzberg provided an Early Childhood Area update:

- All contracts for SFY'12 were sent out last Tuesday, August 2, 2011 and are to be signed and returned back to Pam by August 22, 2011. Accompanying the contracts were the report matrices that were to be used during SFY'12.
- Pam explained the "Give Thanks" reception for November 9, 2011 and oral reports that would allow the CCECA contracted providers the opportunity to highlight their programs. Pam stated she would be inviting Representative Anderson, Representative Dolecheck, Senator Houser and Senator Ernst. Pam shared that there would be light refreshments and that the regular Board meeting would begin that same afternoon at 3:00 PM. Pam passed around a sign-up sheet for those providers wishing to present.
- Pam asked the group what they wanted to do in regard to the November 8, 2011, scheduled committee meeting since the Give Thanks Reception was scheduled for November 9, 2011. After discussion the general consensus was to not reschedule the November 8, 2011, meeting and instead count the "Give Thanks Reception" as a meeting, with the next scheduled meeting to be held on February 14, 2011.
- Pam provided those in attendance with the most recent instructions received from the State on completing the SFY'12 Statewide Performance Measures. She also gave the Family Support providers a copy of the instructions for Family Support Programs to complete the Family Support measures along with a copy of Tool FF(A).
- Pam distributed a revised SFY'12 Calendar of Events.
- Pam reminded those in attendance that until the first quarterly revenue payments from the State are received, the providers will not receive payment. Pam will notify everyone once the revenue payments are received.
- Pam stated the Community Plan had been updated as of May 24, 2011, and she had brought 20 copies of the plan for individuals to take with them today.

- Pam shared the flyer for the February 8 and 9, 2012, Early Childhood Iowa Congress and stated when she receives more information, she will forward it on.

Individual Program Updates

- Sherry Hambsch/South Page Preschool teacher stated that their 4-year old class is full with 16 children registered. South Page Preschool also recently received their QRS Level 5.
- Joan Gallagher/Taylor County Public Health stated that they were awarded funds from the Corner Counties Board this year to conduct oral screens and fluoride varnishes in the preschools, provide the Child Care Nurse Consultant for the area and also to serve as the Central Point of Intake as a pilot project. Joan shared that their agency also serves as the Maternal Child Health provider for Fremont, Page, Montgomery and Taylor counties. Joan stated that as far as the oral screens go hopefully the preschools will see some action each quarter. She shared that Julie Thomas/CCNC is still in the process of taking the CCNC training and as far as the Central Intake project more planning will take place at the next Family Support Collaborative meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2011. Tara Weed/Oral Health Coordinator was also present with Joan.
- Julie Thomas/Taylor County Public Health/CCNC stated that although she is not done with the CCNC training, if providers have any questions to please give her a call.
- Allyson Forney/Fremont-Mills Elementary principal shared that they will have two sessions of 3 year old preschool classes and 2 sessions of 4 year old classes with 50-55 children enrolled.
- Jolene Mitchell/Child Care Resource and Referral Consultant stated she and Jeanette Linnenburger have switched geographical areas. Jolene shared that she is learning our area and has already met a couple of the local providers. Jolene said she is also available for QRS consultation.
- Julia Cavin/Clarinda Community Preschool stated that their classes will begin in two weeks and that with their current enrollment they are full and have waiting lists for all ages. Julia stated their maximum capacity is 64 children.
- Julie Streitenberger/Grandma's House Day Care stated that they have a lot going on this fall. Grandma's House will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from August 22 through August 26. Julie shared that due to lightning they had to reschedule their Fun Run for September 10, 2011. The annual Pancake Fundraiser will be held on October 14, 2011. Julie shared that they may possibly be building on to Grandma's House; they are currently waiting on word from the Fire Marshall.
- Linda (Orme) Jenkins/Positive Family/Family Support Worker stated that she is serving several new families in Page County, but would like to be serving more families in Fremont County. She also shared that there will be quite a few new babies coming in December and January.
- Angela Wallick/Mental Health Screen Coordinator for Southwest Iowa Families shared that they have a new therapy model at the office, Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) that serves families and their children ages two through seven.
- Terri Henderson/Turnbull Child Development Center stated that their preschool and Pre-Kindergarten classes are full and they currently have a waiting list.

- Rachel Jewell/Kornerstone Kids Day Care stated that they are currently getting the children ready to go off to school. Also, with the flooding of the Missouri River the center lost 10 full-time children as the families moved out of the area.
- Kathleen Keefer/Positive Family/Family Support Supervisor stated that she is eager to get the Central Intake project up and going. Kathleen also shared that she is an instructor for “Nurturing Healthy Sexual Development” and had taught a class on this recently at Turnbull. Kathleen shared that this is a good training for day care providers and that she has funding available to do several more classes and if anyone is interested to please contact her.
- Rita Sickels/Matura/WIC Program shared that Matura had been awarded the WIC grant for Page County and they will begin serving the county on October 1, 2011. Rita shared that the WIC Clinics will be held in Clarinda the first Wednesday of each month at the Hillside Missionary Church from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00 PM-5:00 PM. The Shenandoah WIC Clinics will be held at the Cornerstone Fellowship Church the second Thursday of each month from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00 PM-5:00 PM and the third Thursday of each month with hours 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00 PM-7:00 PM. Note: the clinics in both locations will be closed over lunch from 12:00 PM-1:00 PM. Rita also shared that they would like us to share with others that fathers can apply for WIC.
- Jayne Wilson introduced herself as a Corner Counties Board member that is on this committee.
- Renee Bond/Growing Strong Families/Page Co. shared that she is currently serving 20 families and she can serve up to 25 families at one time.
- Bill Lawrence had introduced himself earlier, but shared that he will be volunteering reading time to children at Clarinda Community Preschool this year.

Adjournment

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM. All in attendance were encouraged to attend the November 9, 2011 “Give Thanks” Reception. The next Early Childhood Advisory Committee meeting will be held on February 14, 2012, at 1:30 PM at the same location.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Herzberg/CCECA Director