

**PRESCHOOL EXCHANGE GROUP
CORNER COUNTIES EARLY CHILDHOOD AREA**

September 14, 2010

THE CLARINDA FOUNDATION OFFICE 114 EAST WASHINGTON STREET CLARINDA, IA 51632

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Sherry Hambsch.

Present: Sherry Hambsch/South Page Preschool; Pam Herzberg/Corner Counties Early Childhood Area Director; Heidi Carter/ISU Extension Page County; Terri Henderson/Turnbull Child Development Center; Allyson Forney/Fremont-Mills Elementary Principal; Nikki Schubauer/Farragut Elementary Principal; Linda Spencer/Sidney Elementary Principal; Jenny Ernst/Taylor Co. Empowerment Director; Jess Rand/Tinker Tots; Deb Nelson/Clarinda School District Garfield Preschool and Julia Cavin/Clarinda Community Preschool.

- ✓ Sherry Hambsch called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.
- ✓ Sherry began the meeting with individual introductions.
- ✓ Heidi Carter provided a presentation to those in attendance in regard to training the new Families Specialist housed out of the Montgomery County Extension Office would be offering this year.
- ✓ Joan Gallagher with Maternal Child Health of Southwest Iowa provided an overview on The First Five and also shared with the group that effective October 1, 2010 her service area will include Fremont County.
- ✓ Pam Herzberg and Jenny Ernst provided an update on the tentative merger between Fremont, Page and Taylor Counties.
- ✓ Pam shared that a large number of Community Surveys had been receipt and those would be compiled for future reference in revising priorities and indicators.
- ✓ Tuition grants were discussed with several of the preschools stating they were still working with families to secure the income verification.
- ✓ The preschools that received the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Grant this year shared information with the group.
- ✓ A brief discussion took place in regard to hosting a collaborative project for this year and it was determined the topic be further discussed at the December meeting.
- ✓ Sherry adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM with the next meeting scheduled for December 14, 2010 at 5:00 PM at the same location.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Herzberg/Corner Counties Early Childhood Director