

**Better Tomorrows Early Childhood Iowa Area Board
Minutes of Meeting: October 27, 2015
Tama County ISU Extension, 12:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Larry Vest, Richard Arp, Jenny Hulme, Pastor Brian Oliver, Kathy Koehn and Melissa Smith.

Members Absent: Ron Buch, Becky Heeren, Frank Albertsen, Dean Close and Kecia Appleby.

Others Present: Tony Reed – Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center, Lori Johnson – ECI Co-Director and Heidi Schminke – ECI Co-Director.

1. **Co-Director Reports:** Heidi Schminke noted that she has been part of the Purpose of ECI funding committee. The group worked on code language and also will be presenting the suggestion to legislators that the carve outs restrict funding of certain programs and the group would like the legislators to consider removing language regarding carve outs.
2. **State Director Meeting Report:** Heidi Schminke noted that the state directors met in September and gave an overview of that meeting.
3. **Horizons Report:** The program is moving its office and was not able to attend.
4. **MICA Report:** The program is having its credentialing review today and was not able to attend.
5. **Tama County Nest Report:** No report.
6. **Tama County Public Health and Home Care Report:** No report.
7. **Kirkwood Report:** No report.
8. **QECE Report:** Heidi Schminke reported that evaluations have begun. One program that has struggled in the past worked very hard this year to improve scores and all of the rooms increased scores by at least one point on a seven point scale.

Kathy Koehn arrived at 12:14 p.m.

9. **Call to Order/Establish Quorum:** Chair Larry Vest called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m. and introductions were made. Quorum achieved with 6 of 11 members present.
10. **Approval of Minutes:** Pastor Brian Oliver made a motion, seconded by Richard Arp **to approve the September 2, 2015 board meeting minutes as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.
11. **Financial Report:** Lori Johnson reviewed the financials. Discussion was held and it was clarified that the “Other” line item on the budget was for insurance expense. Melissa Smith made a motion, seconded by Jenny Hulme **to approve the financials as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.
12. **Other Business:** No other business.
13. **Public Comments:** None noted.

14. **Board Professional Development:** None.

15. **Adjourn:** Richard Arp made a motion, seconded by Melissa Smith **that the meeting adjourn.**
Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. on February 3, 2016 at the Kirkwood Vinton Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Schminke
Co-Director