

**Cerro Gordo, Hancock, and Worth County Empowerment Area  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Location:  
AEA 267, Liberty Room**

**March 16, 2010  
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Action =A, Information =I</b>		<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
1:00 PM	A	I	Call to Order	B.Amosson
1:01 PM	A	II	Order of Business 1. Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval January 19, 2010 Minutes</li> <li>• Approval of Agenda – March 16, 2010</li> </ul>	B.Amosson
1:06 PM	I	III	Financials 1. 2010 -Revenue and Expenditures	B.Amosson
1:15 PM	I	IV	Local Empowerment Board Programs 1. 2010 Preschool Scholarship Program 2. ARRA-Infant Child Care	C. Williams
1:20 PM	I A A A A I	V	New Business 1. Legislative Update 2. Merger Option with Winnebago 3. 2010 RFP-Plan for Programs 4. Housing and Coordinator Contract and or Plan for 2010 5. 2009 Funds to be Allocated 6. Board Member Update	C. Williams
2:10 PM	I	VI	Public Input and Announcements	All
2:20 PM	A	VII	Adjourn	All

*Next Meeting: April 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:30 AEA 267, Liberty Room*

**Vision: Working Together So Every Child is Happy, Healthy and Ready to Learn.**

**Empowerment Board of Cerro Gordo, Hancock and Worth Counties  
Minutes of January 19, 2010**

**Members Present:** Bob Amosson, Mary Greiman, Laura Cerny, Susan Schlitter, Gary Van Hemert, Deb Quintus, Betty Mallen, Linda Prestholt, Sis Greiman, Mary Ingham

**Members Absent:** Ron Osterholm, Jeff Creger, Kristie Parks.

**Visitors:** Laurie Westcott, Mollie Stockberger, Diane Casto, Sally Pressly, Margie Jensen, Brian Hanft, WENDY Taylor, Peggy Funk, Teresa Symens.

**Coordinator:** Cody Williams.

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bob Amosson at 1:00 P.M. It was determined that a quorum was present.
- B. Order of Business:**
- 1. Approval of Consent Agenda:** Deb Quintus made a motion to approve the January 19, 2010 consent agenda, seconded by Susan Schlitter, motion carried.
- C. Financials**
- D. Revenue and Expenditures-Review**
- 1. The Financial Report** was reviewed, should not have too much carry-over.
- E. Local Empowerment Board Programs**
- 1. Preschool Scholarship Program:** Reviewed current status of program, only small amount of funds left.
- F. New Business:**
- 1. 2009 Annual Report Review:** State official commented the following: Excellent report "very Well Written" we are meeting our counties needs well, very focused on what are needs are, maintain funding and financials are great, great collaboration and quality programs funded.
  - 2. ARRA- Childcare Update & Contracts:** Money has been received and applications and program will start February 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.
  - 3. Childcare Provider Awards:** Cody reviewed with the board about continuing the provider awards recognizing QRS levels in the three counties. Continued cost would be around \$150.00 and that can be taken out of admin. Talked about appreciation lunch and training with awards. Linda Prestholt made the motion to go forwards with the awards, and to create a lunch and training to go with the awards.
  - 4. Election of Officers for 2010:** Board chair nomination Bob Amosson, Linda Presholt motioned, seconded by Sis Grieman; Board Vice-Chair nominated Mary Grieman, Linda Prestholt made the motion, seconded by Laura Cerny; Board Secretary nominated Linda Prestholt, Laura Cerny made the motion, seconded by Sis Grieman; Gary Van Hemert motioned nomination to cease, Betty Mallen Seconded. Board Voted, on nominations, motions carried.
  - 5. Board Member Update:** Reminded members of the current open positions. Business, Volunteer, Consumer, Deb Quintus placed her letter of resignation for position of consumer.
- G. Public Input and Announcements:**
- 1.** Laurie Westcott shared about a QRS forum with providers that will be done in the near future.
  - 2.** Ann Plague; talked about slow QRS application process at the state due to cuts.
  - 3.** Sally Presely; reviewed current status of Drama program.
  - 4.** Wendy Taylor; talked about possible cuts at DHS level for nurse consultants.
- H. Adjourn:** Sis Grieman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mary Ingham, The meeting was adjourned at 02:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Greiman, Secretary  
Cody Williams, Coordinator



## 09-10 School Ready Funding Revenues and Expenditures Fund 013

	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010	Feb-10	Mar-10	Total	Total Remaining	Percent
	Amount		Projected Total					
	Received	Carry Over	Revenue					
<b>Family Support and Parent Education Services for Children 0-5</b>								
Family Connections	\$ 212,000.00	\$ -	\$ 212,000.00	\$ -	\$ 16,089.61	\$ 117,974.15	\$ 94,025.85	55.65%
Parent Education Program	\$ 52,646.78	\$ 33,699.22	\$ 86,346.00	\$ 5,329.72	\$ 5,334.90	\$ 27,138.20	\$ 59,207.80	31.43%
Preschoolers and Parents	\$ 34,315.00	\$ 14,719.80	\$ 49,034.80	\$ 2,532.67	\$ 3,042.82	\$ 20,536.99	\$ 28,497.81	41.88%
TBD	\$ 434.22	\$ -	\$ 434.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 434.22	0.00%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 299,396.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,419.02</b>	<b>\$ 347,815.02</b>	<b>\$ 7,862.39</b>	<b>\$ 24,467.33</b>	<b>\$ 165,649.34</b>	<b>\$ 182,165.68</b>	<b>47.63%</b>
	\$ 299,396.00	\$ 48,419.02						
<b>Preschool Programming Support for Low Income Families</b>								
Preschool Scholarships	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 8,034.75	\$ 108,034.75	\$ 10,387.00	\$ 9,215.00	\$ 62,927.65	\$ 45,107.10	58.25%
Head Start/4-yr Preschool Transportation	\$ 83,772.00	\$ 8,228.00	\$ 92,000.00	\$ 2,448.12	\$ 16,195.51	\$ 60,782.94	\$ 31,217.06	66.07%
Oral Health Projec	\$ 8,029.00	\$ -	\$ 8,029.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,085.33	\$ 5,943.67	25.97%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 191,801.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,262.75</b>	<b>\$ 208,063.75</b>	<b>\$ 12,835.12</b>	<b>\$ 25,410.51</b>	<b>\$ 125,795.92</b>	<b>\$ 82,267.83</b>	<b>60.46%</b>
	\$ 172,621.00	\$ 16,262.75						
<b>Quality Improvement Funds</b>								
Collaboration-Quality Improvements: Coordination	\$ 36,600.00	\$ -	\$ 36,600.00	\$ 2,748.72	\$ -	\$ 23,707.29	\$ 12,892.71	64.77%
Resources for Health & Safety Quality Improvements	\$ 531.37	\$ 2,917.33	\$ 3,448.70			\$ -		
TBD	\$ 3,568.63	\$ -	\$ 3,568.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,568.63	0.00%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 40,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,917.33</b>	<b>\$ 43,617.33</b>	<b>\$ 2,748.72</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 23,707.29</b>	<b>\$ 19,910.04</b>	<b>54.35%</b>
	\$ 40,700.00	\$ 2,917.33						
<b>Miscellaneous Grants</b>								
Preschool Scholarship Coordination	\$ 15,250.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 16,250.00	\$ 1,145.30	\$ -	\$ 10,033.66	\$ 6,216.34	61.75%
Lead Free Kids	\$ 22,118.01	\$ 28,220.99	\$ 50,339.00	\$ 4,087.19	\$ -	\$ 21,209.61	\$ 29,129.39	42.13%
ABCD Drama	\$ 16,683.00	\$ -	\$ 16,683.00	\$ 1,346.14	\$ 1,343.80	\$ 10,868.41	\$ 5,814.59	65.15%
TBD	\$ 24,555.99	\$ -	\$ 24,555.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,555.99	0.00%
Interest	\$ 175.15	\$ -	\$ 175.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175.15	0.00%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 78,782.15</b>	<b>\$ 29,220.99</b>	<b>\$ 108,003.14</b>	<b>\$ 6,578.63</b>	<b>\$ 1,343.80</b>	<b>\$ 42,111.68</b>	<b>\$ 65,891.46</b>	<b>38.99%</b>
	\$ 97,787.00	\$ 29,220.99						
<b>Administration</b>								
Fiscal Agent Fees	\$ 5,930.00	\$ 793.40	\$ 6,723.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,723.40	0.00%
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,173.00	\$ 27.00	97.75%
Board Expenses	\$ 4,422.00	\$ 1,511.69	\$ 5,933.69	\$ 133.57	\$ 118.06	\$ 1,418.03	\$ 4,515.66	23.90%
Coordinator Suppor	\$ 7,320.00	\$ -	\$ 7,320.00	\$ 549.74	\$ -	\$ 5,186.05	\$ 2,133.95	70.85%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 18,872.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,305.09</b>	<b>\$ 21,177.09</b>	<b>\$ 683.31</b>	<b>\$ 118.06</b>	<b>\$ 7,777.08</b>	<b>\$ 13,400.01</b>	<b>36.72%</b>
	\$ 18,872.00	\$ 2,035.09						
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 629,551.15</b>	<b>\$ 99,125.18</b>	<b>\$ 728,676.33</b>	<b>\$ 30,708.17</b>	<b>\$ 51,339.70</b>	<b>\$ 365,041.32</b>	<b>\$ 363,635.01</b>	<b>50.10%</b>
	\$ 629,376.00	\$ 98,855.18						
<b>Carry Forward</b>			\$ 99,125.18					
<b>Revenue 07/01/2009 to 06/30/2010</b>			\$ 488,689.65					
<b>Expenses To Date</b>			\$ 365,041.32					
<b>Fund 13 Balance</b>			\$ 222,773.51					
<b>Percent of Funds Left to be Spent</b>			50%					
<b>Percent of Carry-Forward Rule</b>		\$ 125,875.20	20%					

# 09-10 Early Childhood Funding Revenues and Expenditures

## Fund 012

	2009-2010	2008-2009	2009-2010	Feb-10	Mar-10	Total	Total	Percent
	Amount		Projected					
	Received	Carry Over	Total Revenue					
<b>Quality Imporvment Support Incentive:</b>								
Resources for Health & Safety Quality Improvements	\$ 4,506.95	\$ 2,491.35	\$ 6,998.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,998.30	0.00%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 4,506.95</b>	<b>\$ 2,491.35</b>	<b>\$ 6,998.30</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,998.30</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Home or Center Child Care Nurse Consultants</b>								
Child Care Nurse Consultan	\$ 35,850.00	\$ -	\$ 35,850.00	\$ 3,132.02	\$ 2,716.60	\$ 25,797.50	\$ 10,052.50	71.96%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 35,850.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 35,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,132.02</b>	<b>\$ 2,716.60</b>	<b>\$ 25,797.50</b>	<b>\$ 10,052.50</b>	<b>71.96%</b>
<b>Provider Training/Professional Development/Materials</b>								
CCR&R Training, Quality Improvement, Public Education	\$ 32,877.00	\$ -	\$ 32,877.00	\$ 4,625.00	\$ -	\$ 19,006.00	\$ 13,871.00	57.81%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 32,877.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 32,877.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,625.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 19,006.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,871.00</b>	<b>57.81%</b>
<b>Other Services</b>								
CCR&R QRS Support Specialist	\$ 35,675.00	\$ -	\$ 35,675.00	\$ 2,621.00	\$ -	\$ 17,567.00	\$ 18,108.00	49.24%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 35,675.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 35,675.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,621.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 17,567.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,108.00</b>	<b>49.24%</b>
<b>Administration</b>								
Fiscal Agent Fees	\$ 2,426.60	\$ -	\$ 2,426.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,426.60	0.00%
Liability Insurance	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	100.00%
Board Expenses	\$ 1,175.45	\$ 210.64	\$ 1,386.09	\$ 33.65	\$ 29.77	\$ 355.79	\$ 1,030.30	25.67%
Coordinator Support	\$ 1,830.00	\$ -	\$ 1,830.00	\$ 233.82	\$ -	\$ 2,016.84	\$ (186.84)	110.21%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 5,732.05</b>	<b>\$ 210.64</b>	<b>\$ 5,942.69</b>	<b>\$ 267.47</b>	<b>\$ 29.77</b>	<b>\$ 2,672.63</b>	<b>\$ 3,270.06</b>	<b>44.97%</b>
Interest	\$ 19.55	\$ -	\$ 19.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19.55	0.00%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 114,660.55</b>	<b>\$ 2,701.99</b>	<b>\$ 117,362.54</b>	<b>\$ 10,645.49</b>	<b>\$ 2,746.37</b>	<b>\$ 65,043.13</b>	<b>\$ 52,299.86</b>	<b>55.42%</b>

\$ 114,641.00

<b>Carry Forward</b>		\$ 2,105.38
<b>Revenue 07/01/2009 to 06/30/2010</b>		\$ 61,585.55
<b>Expenses To Date</b>		\$ 65,043.13
<b>Fund 12 Balance</b>		\$ (1,352.20)
<b>Percent of Funds Left to be Spent</b>		<b>45%</b>
<b>Percent of Carry-Forward Rule</b>		No Rule

## Preschool Scholarship & ARRA Infant Care Report February 2010-March 2010

### Preschool Scholarship 2009-2010

We have received in the office as of 03/12/2010 169 applications or requests for applications. As of 03/12/2010 we have 129 children approved for services. An additional 5 children had services, but no longer need the scholarship. We have denied 11 scholarships this year. With a total of \$107,674.75 allocated to these scholarships. Our budget for the 2009-2010 year is \$108,034.75 and have \$360.00 left to allocate to families. We have paid out to providers \$62,367.65.

<b>County Age of Child</b>	<b>Number of Scholarships</b>	<b>Total Funding Amount</b>
<i>Cerro Gordo</i>		
<b>3</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$34,250.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$42,245.75</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$5,130.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>\$81,625.75</b>
<i>Hancock</i>		
<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$5,965.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$8,290.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$14,555.00</b>
<i>Worth</i>		
<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$5,713.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$1,143.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$6,856.00</b>
<i>Totals For 3 Counties</i>		
<b>3</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>\$45,28.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$51,678.75</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$5,430.00</b>
<b>Program Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>\$107,674.75</b>

### ARRA Infant & Toddler Care

We have received in the office as of 03/12/2010 6 applications. As of 03/12/2010 we have 1 child approved for services. We have denied 2, not fitting into guidelines. 3 are waiting on further information to process applications. With a total of \$2,832.00 allocated. Our budget for the services is \$46,089.25, \$2,425.75 for admin, with total budget of \$48,515.00. We have \$43,257.25 left to allocate to families. We have paid out to providers \$101.00.



## **Community Empowerment Legislative Update**

**3/11/10**

### **SF 2088**

SF 2088 supports government reorganization. Specifically, for Community Empowerment, the legislation is based off a Lean Design event by the DOM and Empowerment. The objectives of this work were to:

- Improve efficiencies at the state level and local level
- Find a balance between maximizing flexibility at the local level and meeting state level requirements, including but not limited to, fiscal, quality and legislative.
- Establish consistent performance accountability for the services provided in Community Empowerment Areas.
- Ensure the Empowerment structure provides local areas with the tools and support needed for good fiscal accountability

SF 2088 started in the Senate and underwent amendments in the House. On February 25, the Senate amended SF 2088 and sent it back to the House. This final Senate amendment is an agreed to amendment between the House and Senate majorities. The second Senate passage of the Early Childhood Iowa legislation contained the following provisions.

#### **State Level Changes:**

- A new Code section is created for the Early Childhood Iowa Initiative (ECI) which is essentially the same in definitions, intent and desired results as the set of desired results under the Empowerment Initiative.
- The Early Childhood Iowa Initiative stays in Department of Management.
- An Early Childhood State Board is established (same concept as Empowerment Board).
- ECI State Board has increased transparency and statewide data collection and reporting requirements. State Board will also establish and enforce statewide performance measures.
- Prohibits program providers that receive funding from serving on state ECI Board.
- A Stakeholder Advisory Council of Early Childhood is established under the ECI State Board (formerly ECI Council with legislative coordination by IDPH).
- Department of Management will have fiscal and data reporting oversight and rulemaking authority. ECI State Board will have rulemaking authority for program implementation.
- The funding streams including school ready grant program, early childhood programs grants, and first years first account. They remain the same as under the Empowerment Initiative. This bill does not appropriate any money or FTE's. Those decisions, as in previous years, will be decided in the Education Appropriations Budget bill.
- Inserts requirement that at least 60 percent of state and local family support funding must be spent on programming that include a home visitation component.
- Administrative costs under the school ready grants for Empowerment stay remain at 3 percent (current Code).
- Allows local boards to pick fiscal agent but gives authority to DOM to establish criteria for local fiscal agent responsibilities.

#### **Local Level Changes:**

The Bill replaces current re-designation process with a 'levels of excellence' rating system that allows for more recognition of each level of achievement. It also changes the requirements for designation of the local boards, now called Early Childhood Iowa Areas (ECI) including the following:

- An ECI area may not encompass more than four counties, and all counties in an Area must have contiguous borders.
- For a single county to serve as an Area, it must have a minimum population of children ages zero to 5 in excess of 5,000, based on the latest U. S. Census data.

- Counties that do not meet that criterion must combine with at least one other county to serve as an Early Childhood Iowa Area. Inserts language for financial transition for local areas that are merging. Allowable carry forward funding from merging areas can be transferred to the successor board.
- Local board membership cannot include a service provider or person working for any other entity that receives funding from Early Childhood Iowa
- State ECI Board may offer funding flexibility for those local ECI areas that receive the highest designation of excellence – but only to the extent that is allowed by Legislative Appropriation.
- Secure the unique student identifier with programs that receive funding through ECI

**SF2366**

This bill promotes a backfill from across the board reduction in FY '10 funding. Funding for the preschool tuition assistance funding for Community Empowerment is one of the items noted in this bill.

5 33 2. IOWA EMPOWERMENT FUND == PRESCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE  
 5 34 For deposit in the school ready children grants account of  
 5 35 the Iowa empowerment fund created in section 28.9, in 2009 Iowa  
 6 1 Acts, chapter 177, section 6, subsection 11, paragraph "a":  
 6 2 ..... \$ 877,215

[SSB 3248](#) – Education Appropriations bill

Empowerment specific funding:

- School Ready Grants - \$5,728,907 (Quality Improvement and General Aid are included in this funding stream as well as state-level funding for professional development (825,030) state office allocation (\$354,600)
- Preschool Tuition - \$7,583,912
- Family Support -\$13,153,653

**FY 10 \$26,466,472**  
**FY09 w/10% \$29,138,307**  
**FY09 \$32,153,676**

**Which will be an estimated cut of \$50,000 to \$60,000, Current Budget is \$629,376, new allocation should be around \$575,000.000 with \$17,250 for Admin. Does not include any backfill.**

[HSB736](#) – Health and Human Services Appropriations bill

HOPES - \$738,203  
 Empowerment – early childhood funding - \$6,350,000

**FY09 w/ Cut \$6,750,000**  
**FY 09 \$7,250,000**

**Which will be an estimated cut of \$4,000 to \$5,000, Current Budget is \$114,641.00, new allocation should be around \$109,000 with \$5,450 for Admin.**