

**Empowerment Board of Cerro Gordo, Hancock and Worth Counties
Minutes of September 8, 2009**

Members Present: Ted Hall, Laura Cerny, Susan Schlitter, Gary Van Hemert, Mary Ingham, Deb Quintus, Jeff Creger, Ron Osterholm Kristie Parks, Betty Mallen,

Members Absent: Mark Evers, Linda Prestholt, Bob Amosson, Mary Greiman.

Visitors: Wendy Taylor, Molly Stockberger, Laurie Westcott, Teresa Symens, Sally Pressly, Karen Smith, Kelli Dorsey, Nancy Dunn, Margie Jensen, Ann Plague, Darshini Jaywardena, Susan Muyskens.

Coordinator: Cody Williams.

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ted Hall at 1:06 P.M. It was determined that a quorum was present.

B. Order of Business:

1. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Mary Ingham made a motion to approve the June 16, 2009 consent agenda, seconded by Jeff Creger, motion carried.

C. Financials

D. Revenue and Expenditures-Review

1. The 2009 and 2010 Financial Report was reviewed.

E. Local Empowerment Board Programs

1. **Preschool Scholarship Program:**

We have received in the office as of 09/02/2009 117 applications or requests for applications. As of 09/02/2009 we have 85 children approved for services. With a total of \$69,318.00 allocated to these scholarships. We have denied 4 families; 1 family was denied due to residence out of the three counties, and 2 denied for too high of income, 1 denied because child attends the free preschool, but wanted to send to Charlie Brown preschool also. Our budget for the 2009-2010 year is \$100,000 + and have \$30,682.00 + left to allocate to families.

F. New Business:

1. **Annual Report-Approval:** Laura Cerny made a motion to accept the annual report as presented, seconded by Gary Van Hemert, motion carried. Cody obtained ideas and comments to place in the executive summary.

2. **ARRA-Childcare Update/possible boundary extension to cover Winnebago:** Jeff Creger made a motion to create a new boundary for Winnebago county in the ARRA project for there population to be eligible to apply for the assistance, seconded by Kristi Parks, motion carried.

3. **2010 Budget Update and Approval for budget revision:** Mary Ingham made a motion to accept the revised budget with new carry over numbers, seconded by Laura Cerny, motion carried.

4. **Health & Safety Project/Contract:** Laura Cerny made a motion to accept the program contract for service in the 2010 year, seconded by Jeff Creger, motion carried.

5. **Committee Appointments:** Cody asked that board members contact him by the next meeting if having a preference for a committee.

6. **Winnebago-Request for board members to visit September 21st In regards to possible redistrict into our three counties:** Cody discussed the Lean process the state is in the process. Cody asked for volunteers to contact him in regards to attending the meeting.

7. **Preschool Fund/Project Decision:** Tabled

8. **Quality Childcare/Outdoor Learning Project Decision:** Tabled.

9. **Board Member Update:** Tabled.

G. Public Input and Announcements:

1. Karen Smith introduced Kelli Dorsey the new Teen pregnancy worker.

2. Susan Muyskens introduced self as the new parent education provider for Head Start.

3. Laurie Westcott talked about upcoming training.

H. Adjourn: Jeff Creger made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Betty Mallen, The meeting was adjourned at 02:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cody Williams, Coordinator