

**Empowerment Board of Cerro Gordo, Hancock and Worth Counties
Minutes of October 20, 2009**

Members Present: Susan Schlitter, Gary Van Hemert, Mary Ingham, Jeff Creger, Ron Osterholm, Kristie Parks, Mary Greiman, Bob Amosson.

Members Absent: Mark Evers, Linda Prestholt, Betty Mallen, Ted Hall, Deb Quintus, Laura Cerny.

Visitors: Wendy Taylor, Molly Stockberger, Laurie Westcott, Sally Pressly, Karen Smith, Nancy Dunn, Ann Plague, Susan Muyskens.

Coordinator: Cody Williams.

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Bob Amosson at 1:03 P.M. It was determined that a quorum was present.

B. Order of Business:

1. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Gary Van Hemert made a motion to approve the October 20, 2009 consent agenda, seconded by Mary Ingham, 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. **ARRA-Childcare Update:** Reviewed current status of the program. Awaiting more information and contracts.
2. **10 % Across the Board Cut:** Reviewed Current status, but budgets at the state have not been finalized. Hopefully more information will be available in the November meeting. The board has enough reserves not allocated yet, that will cover the cut.
3. **2010 Budget Update and Approval for Budget Revision:** Tabled until November meeting.
4. **Committee Appointments:** Cody appointed members to each committee. Each member will need to serve on just one committee at this time. Will be holding committee meetings in the next few months to determine each committee roles, and create structure.
5. **2011 Planning for budget cuts:** Cody discussed with the board the need to plan for cuts in the following year.
6. **2010 to 2011 Direction Planning:** Discussed future cuts in current year an how to handle that, once reserve money is gone. Board made unofficial decision to look at across the board when that time comes.
7. **Board Member Update:** Updated the board on current vacant positions that need to be filled.

G. Public Input and Announcements:

1. Nancy Dunn- Oct. 28th PBS training for center directors.
2. Ann Plague- Coming up Coaching for Creative Curriculum.
3. Laurie Wesscott- Sending survey to providers about QRS, partnering with board.
4. Sally Pressely- Reviewed with board current position of Creative Drama program.
5. Susan Muyskens- Parent Program doing a class on "Discipline is not a dirty word."

H. Adjourn: Mary Ingham made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jeff Creger, The meeting was adjourned at 01:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cody Williams, Coordinator
Mary Greiman, Secretary