

**Empowerment Board of Cerro Gordo, Hancock and Worth Counties
Minutes of November 24, 2009**

Members Present: Bob Amosson, Mary Greiman, Laura Cerny, Susan Schlitter, Gary Van Hemert, Deb Quintus, Kristie Parks, Betty Mallen, Jeff Creger, Ron Osterholm, Linda Prestholt.

Members Absent: Mark Evers, Mary Ingham, Ted Hall.

Visitors: Laurie Westcott, Mollie Stockberger, Diane Casto, Sally Pressly.

Coordinator: Cody Williams.

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bob Amosson at 1:04 P.M. It was determined that a quorum was present.
- B. Order of Business:**
- 1. Approval of Consent Agenda:** Jeff Creger made a motion to approve the November 24, 2009 consent agenda, seconded by Kristi Parks, motion carried.
- C. Financials**
- D. Revenue and Expenditures-Review**
- 1. The Financial Report** was reviewed.
- E. Local Empowerment Board Programs**
- 1. Preschool Scholarship Program:** Reviewed current status of program, only small amount of funds left.
- F. New Business:**
- 1. ARRA- Childcare Update & Contracts:** \$48,515.00 in funds, only about \$2,00.00 for admin. Discussion of creating the program to last 6 months, with a larger number of participants for a shorter time period. Susan Schlitter made a motion to approve the ARRA contract and to have the program run six months, seconded by Laura Cerny, motion carried.
 - 2. 10 % Across Board Cut-budget changes to account for cut:** Our local area received in the end 17% cut, due to loss of funds in the EC. Funds are available that had not been allocated yet to cover the cuts. We still have \$26,000 left to allocate, will create a plan to allocate out in the 2nd half of the year.
 - 3. 2010 Budget Update and approval for revisions:** Revisions in the budget due to the across the board cut. Jeff Creger made a motion to approve updated budget, seconded by Deb Quintus, motion carried.
 - 4. 2010 to 2011 Direction Planning:** Reviewed with board that next RFP and housing agreement need to be discussed once a budget for next year is more established.
 - 5. Revised State Empowerment Contracts 2010:** Revisions in the state contract due to the across the board cut. Kristi Parks made a motion to approve updated contracts, seconded by Susan Schlitter, motion carried.
 - 6. Board Member Update:** Reminded members of the current open positions.
- G. Public Input and Announcements:**
- 1.** Laurie Westcott shared about a QRS forum with providers that will be done in the near future.
- H. Adjourn:** Linda Prestholt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Betty Mallen, The meeting was adjourned at 01:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Greiman, Secretary
Cody Williams, Coordinator