

TAMA COUNTY EMPOWERMENT AREA

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Tama County Empowerment Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2008 – 12:00 noon – 12:40 p.m.
ISU Extension Meeting Room

Voting Members Present:

Richard Arp, North Tama School District
Earlene Bacon, Citizen
Larry Vest, Board of Supervisors/Citizen
Joyce Legg, Tama County Public Health

Greg Tingley, Business
Rick Vesely, Clergy/Citizen
Mandy Lekin, Consumer/Citizen
Angie Knowles, STC School District/Citizen

Others Present:

Jerri Leighton, Child Care Resource & Referral
Lori Johnson, Empowerment Coordinator
Cindy Skopec, AEA267
Pat Shank, Mid-Iowa Community Action

Stephanie Sparks, DECAT
Deb Schlichting, Pied Piper
Royce Hickie, Mid-Iowa Community Action
Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor

Apologies:

Michelle Gethmann	Marisue Hartung	Annette Dunn	Dawna Patzel	
Niki Arends	Angela Dreesen	Steph Sparks	Royce Hickie	Jana Enfield
Lindi Roelofse	Jill Herink	Darla Thiessen	Frank Albertsen	

Larry Vest, Chair, called meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Minutes for November were reviewed. Richard Arp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Angie Knowles seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial Report – Ms. Johnson disbursed the financial report. We should be at 42% of the budget left and we are at 51%. Question was asked if we needed to continue to report the detail information as ongoing or just the most recent information from the last meeting. It was decided that it could be just the most recent information. Rick Vesely made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Joyce Legg seconded the motion. Motion passed

Public Input – none noted.

Provider Reports – *Child Consultant*, Ms. Leighton shared the Home Consultant Activity Report.

Staff Training & Retainment – update provided. Report from Darla Thiessen regarding the Lending Library was shared.

Stork's Nest, Public Health Home Visitation, etc. – Ms. Legg updated Board on current activities.

Coordinator – Ms. Johnson shared a handout with information that she had received at the last Empowerment Coordinators Meeting, which included a copy of Tool JJ – Chair and Vice Chair Best Practice Guidance.

Infant Toddler Specialist, Dental Hygienist – Ms. Hickie and Ms. Shank shared a handout with information regarding services provided in November through February.

Family Nutrition Specialist – no report given

Developmental Testing Services, Scholarships – Ms. Skopec shared that children are being identified earlier for developmental delays and the Respite services are high demand. This funding is almost exhausted. There are several children using this service at this time.

Care for Kids –no report given.

Tobacco Funds – no report

Old Business – none

New Business – *Funding Committee Recommendations* - handwritten meeting minutes were disbursed. Greg Tingley made a motion to approve the Funding Sub-Committees recommendations. Angie Knowles seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Updates from the State –Ms. Johnson shared a copy of an e-mail sent from Shanell Wagler dated 2/24/08 regarding our re-designation.

Correspondence – The following items were passed around for review: Child Care Resource & Referral Newsletter; Prevention Connection; The MICA Connection; Empowerment 1998 – 2008; Healthy Communities; Promoting Healthy Families in Your Community; and 2007 State Annual Reports.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Johnson, Tama County Empowerment Coordinator

Reminder: Next meeting will be June 24th at Traer City Council Chambers at 12:00 Noon