

Boost4Families Executive Board Minutes
April 14th, 2008
MCMH, Red Oak

Members present: John Baker, Kimberlee Spillers, Kim Freund, Sonja Cambridge, Sherry Ford, Tamra Ruff, and Sheri Bowen. Others in attendance were: Amy Chastain (Boost4Families Coordinator).

Sherry Ford called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM

Announcements

Amy announced that Ray Buell sent Amy a letter of resignation from the Boost4Families Executive Board. The Executive Board requested that Sherry Ford send a letter to Keith Pick, requesting that he give Boost4Families a new JCO representative.

Amy asked the Board to discuss their thoughts as to the March 31st Big Board meeting. Several people stated that they feel the Empowerment rules for boards are somewhat different than what is in the Boost4Families By-laws. This will be another discussion with the Big Board as to if we want to keep the Big Board as big as it is now, or reduce the size.

Approval of Minutes/Agenda

Sherry Ford said she would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Sheri Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes. Tamra Ruff seconded the motion. All approved.

Kim Spillers made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Sheri Bowen seconded the motion. All approved.

Payment Vouchers

Amy presented the bills for March for payment. Kim Spillers made a motion to approve the bills as presented. John Baker seconded the motion. All approved.

Empowerment carryover discussion

Amy told the board that Legislation for Empowerment carryover has been changing everyday. Legislators want the carryover amount to be at or below 20%. Amy recommends that Boost4Families works on getting the FY08 budget at/below 20% carryover.

The Executive Board recommends that Boost4Families ask the two programs (WCCA, Cass Co. CCNC) what they could do with extra funds, and if they could spend it by June 30th. These two programs were not fully funded back in April 2007 when the FY08 budgets were being discussed. Two other options are to pay full tuition from Feb.-May for all children that qualify/receive tuition grants, and pay upto \$2.25 for each child that has used our transportation services. This would be approx. \$5,000 additional funds for tuition grants, and approx. \$50,000 for transportation. This would get us under 30%

carryover. The board recommended that Amy send out RFP's for neighborhood network mini-grants, (using both Decat and Empowerment funds) with the date that dollars need to spent by June 30th.

Sherry Ford recommended that we hold an emergency Big Board meeting April 30th and also have a conference call set up for those that can't attend. Sherry will send out an e-mail to all Big Board members requesting their participation in this meeting, in order to vote on Empowerment issues.

Tamra Ruff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheri Bowen seconded the motion. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Next meeting will be determined at a later date

Respectfully Submitted
Amy Chastain
Boost4Families