

Boost4Families Board Meeting
November 25th, 2008
Red Oak School Board Room

Members present: Matthew Perkins (Nishna Valley School), Tamra Ruff (Mont. Co Parent), Sonja Cambridge (DHS), Sheri Bowen (Mills Co. Health), Sherry Ford (Mills Co. parent), John Baker (Villisca School), Dan Warren (Glenwood Schools), Nancy Gibson (Cass Co. Health), Kim Spillers (Cass Co. Parent), Val Jensen (AEA 13), Dawn Witt (AEA 14), Carleen Bruning (Mont. Co. Elected Official), Margo Magill (Atlantic Schools), Cheri Miner (Griswold Schools), Julie Williamson (Anita Schools), Dennis McClain (Stanton schools), Duane McFadden (Cass Co. Elected Official), Linda Hartkopf (Cass Co. Elected Official), Glen Benskin (Mont. Co. Elected Official), Jacquie Morrical (Mills Co. childcare), and Ron Kohn (Mills Co. Elected Official). Others present was Amy Chastain (Boost4Families Coordinator).

Members not present: Eric Kutzli (Mont. Co parent), Lynn Kilpatrick (Malvern Schools), Amber Dyer (Mills parent), Carol Robertson (Mills Elected Official), Nikki Williams (Mont. Co. childcare), Laurine Price (Cass Co. parent), Judy Kay (Cass Child care), Charla Schmid (Red Oak Schools), Ray Buell (JCO).

Dinner was provided prior to the meeting.

Board members received meeting information via e-mail, prior to the meeting.

Sherry Ford Called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Welcome/Announcements

Sherry asked everyone to go around the room and introduce themselves, and to talk about anything new or good in their live at this time.

Agenda/Minutes

Sherry said she would entertain a motion to approve the agenda as presented. John Baker made a motion to approve the agenda. Duane McFadden seconded the motion. All approved.

Sheri Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Sept. 11th meeting. Ron Kohn seconded the motion. All approved.

Empowerment overview

Amy informed the board that there is no word yet, regarding redesignation. Amy hopes to get written comments from the State Empowerment team members soon. She will send the comments out via e-mail once she receives them.

Amy and Sherry discussed the current priorities and indicators that Boost4Families is following, and also discussed the States Indicators. There was a discussion regarding if our indicators still fit our needs. The board decided to table this discussion and start a subcommittee to deal with these issues. Amy also announced that the State Empowerment board will be doing a RBA (Results Based Accountability) training in March, and this would be a good training for board members to attend, to help with the indicator discussion.

Amy announced that advocacy is a topic that the NGA (National Governor's Award) subcommittee decided was an area that needed more focus in our area. Board members encouraged other members to talk to their legislatures about Early Childhood in CMM area. Sherry Ford also asked each member to

talk to the agencies or families they represent on the board, about what Boost4Families is and what programs are offered to families with young children in our area. It was suggested these discussions happen after board meetings, to give updated information about what is going on with early childhood.

By-laws

Amy recommended to the board that due to not receiving any written comments regarding redesignation, the final vote on the by-laws be tabled until further comments from the state have been given.

09 Terms

Amy told the board about terms ending in December. Everyone who's term is ending, has been notified. Amy is just waiting to hear who the replacements will be. Amy told the board that she is planning on hosting a board orientation for any member that would like to attend. This will be prior to the Jan. meeting. She is also planning on providing binders for board members.

There was a discussion regarding alternates. Each member needs to let Amy know who their alternate is and their contact information.

CPPC (Community Partnership for Protection Children)

Amy announced that she received seventeen proposals for the last neighborhood network grant RFP. The advisory council met prior to this meeting and awarded five of the seventeen, grant funds. These were all picked based on the amount of community involvement included in the proposal.

Amy also announced that she applied for the CBCAP (Community Based Child Abuse Prevention) grant, and was awarded \$15,000 (\$5,000 going to each PAT program).

Next Meeting/agenda items

The board decided to schedule the next meeting for Jan. 15th, 2009. The meeting will be held at the Webster Building in Red Oak. The orientation will be at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:00. The board will vote for advisory council members at this meeting.

Duane McFadden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Baker seconded the motion. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Amy Chastain
Boost4Families Coordinator