

Boost4Families Big Board Meeting/conference call  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
ISU Extension Office (Red Oak)

Board members in attendance were: Kim Freund, Sonja Cambridge, Sheri Bowen, Cheri Miner, Charla Schmidt, Tamra Ruff, Sherry Ford, Duane McFadden, and Matt Perkins. Via conference call: Nancy Krogstad, John Baker, Kim Spillers, Carol Robertson, Margo Magill, Ron Kohn, and Laurine Price. Also in attendance was: Amy Chastain (Boost4Families Coordinator).

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

Sherry discussed the Empowerment Carryover issue from Legislation. At one point Legislation was going to require that all Empowerment areas be under 20% carryover by the end of FY08. Then it was decided that this wouldn't start until July 2009. While these discussions were going on Legislatively, Boost4Families had many discussions regarding what to do with our carryover amount.

The Executive Board recommended that Amy ask any program that wasn't fully funded at the beginning of FY08, how they would use more funds. WCCA/CCR&R, Cass County CCNC, preschool tuition grants, and preschool transportation all supplied revised proposals. These were all sent to Big Board members via e-mail in advance so they could look at the proposed funding.

The Executive Board recommended that the Big Board fund: WCCA/CC&R at \$24,600, CCNC at approx. \$9,550.00, pay full tuition for all students receiving tuition grants from Feb. through May (apprx. \$5,000), and increase the transportation from \$1.50 per ride to \$2.25 per ride (approx. \$50,000). This would bring us under the 30% range.

There was discussion as to whether or not to have a goal of being under 20% even though Legislation isn't requiring it for FY08. It was decided that being at or under 20% would be the safe way to go.

Mini-grants proposals had been sent out, before the Legislation changed the 20% carryover amount to be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Each board member was sent the mini-grant proposals via e-mail in advance. The Executive Board had met prior to the Big Board meeting, and made some recommendations for the mini-grants, plus Big Board members were asked to rank the mini-grant proposals prior to the meeting. Each proposals was discussed. The mini-grant recommendations were as follows:

Elliott	4900
Lewis	4900
NEST	10,000
Mont. Child	5600
Cass PAT	5000
Health kids	1500

NV presc	3900
Atlant. Opt	5000
C & M pres	5000

Cheri Miner made a motion to approve the recommendations suggested by the Executive Board. This includes the WCCA/CCR& R, tuition grants, CCNC, and Transportation. Duane McFadden seconded the motion. All approved. Sheri Bowen, Kim Freund, and Tamra Ruff abstained from voting.

Amy announced the next Big Board meeting will be June 19<sup>th</sup>, at the First Christian Church in Red Oak. Dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00. There will be a Community Plan subcommittee meeting prior to the Big Board meeting. Amy will check into conference call capability at the Church for future meetings.

Sherry Ford thanked everyone for attending either in person, or by phone.

Kim Freund made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sonja Cambridge seconded the motion. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

Respectfully Submitted  
Amy Chastain  
Boost4Families Coordinator