

Advisory Council Meeting
 April 14th, 2009
 Mont. Co. ISU

John Baker called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

Roll Call: Sonja Cambridge (DHS), John Baker (Villisca CSD), Sheri Bowen (Mills Co. PH), Sherry Ford (Mills Co. Parent), Nancy Gibson (Cass Co. PH), and Amy Chastain (Boost4Families Coordinator) were present.

John Baker discussed the needed changes in the order of the agenda. It was requested that Roll call be first on the agenda, approval of agenda – second, announcements – third, and approval of minutes – fourth. Amy will change this for future meetings. Sherry Ford made a motion to approve agenda with changes. Sheri Bowen seconded the motion. All approved.

Amy announced that the board member termination letter (due to lack of attendance) were sent out. Mills County needs a new elected official, and Mont. Co. needs a new parent representative.

Nancy Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Sheri Bowen seconded the motion. All approved.

Amy passed around billing statement for Feb./March bills. Nancy Gibson made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Sherry Ford seconded the motion. All approved. The list of bills are as follows:

Boost4Families
 March/April billing

Red Oak Chamber	membership	Mar-09	\$ 59.25 SR admin
Cass County Mem. Hosp	Parents as teach	Feb-09	\$ 6,964.16 SR
Cass County Mem. Hosp	Circles	Feb-09	\$ 1,185.13 SR
Mills Co. PH	Parents as teach	Mar-09	\$ 6,494.00 SR
Mills Co. PH	Circles	Mar-09	\$ 1,352.00 SR
Griswold CSD	tuition/transp	Sept/Feb	\$ 4,167.00 SR
Villisca CSD	tuition grants	Mar-09	\$ 750.00 SR
Atlantic CSD	tuit grants/transp	Mar-09	\$ 3,683.00 SR
Red Oak CSD	tuition grants	Mar-09	\$ 1,895.00 SR
Malvern CSD	tuition grants	Mar-09	\$ 590.00 SR
Stanton CSD	tuition grants	Mar-09	\$ 130.00 SR
Anita CSD	tuition grants	Mar-09	\$ 375.00 SR
Pooh Corners	preschool	Mar-09	\$ 1,800.00 SR
HCCMS	dental	Dec-09	\$ 209.24 SR
Child Health	CCNC	Mar-09	\$ 2,430.18 SR
maternal child health	CCNC	Jan-09	\$ 278.67 SR
WCCA	childcare	Mar-09	\$12,924.80 EC

	\$45,287.43
SR	\$32,362.63
EC	\$12,924.80
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Amy told the council that since scoring the RFP is new this year, she had an idea to have members of the Board with no conflict of interest with the proposals, be the ones to score them. It was suggested that one person from each county read all Empowerment proposals, score them and turn their sheet into Amy. The same for DECAT – one person from each county (different people than those that read for Empowerment) read, and score the DECAT proposals, and turn their sheet into Amy. It was also suggested that no one from the county where the proposal is coming from, score that proposal, the other two counties should score them. Amy will contact people to score proposals.

Sheri Bowen suggested that current programs send their 3rd quarter reports with year to date information to Amy via e-mail, and Amy put them on the website, so board members can look at them prior to looking at new proposals.

Nancy Gibson suggested that a mini training be done at Local Planning Groups regarding quarterly reports, because some programs will have required performance measures and other won't. Requirements from the state change a lot, and it would be helpful to train those that have never been required to report the way programs will have to report starting July 2009.

The Results Based Accountability (RBA) training was discussed. The overall feeling was that it was a training that helped board members understand what the State is requiring, and what information we (as an Empowerment area), really need to be looking at.

Writing new indicators is one of the things that will be discussed at the June 18th Board meeting. We plan to change the one indicator that is not community wide, and take a look at the other indicators, to make sure it is the information we still want to consider a priority. Amy will ask Marcus to lead that portion of the meeting. This meeting will also be the meeting to decide which programs we fund for 2010. Amy will send the proposals and indicator information out to the board in late May. Once the scoring committee and Advisory committee meet, Amy will send out the results and recommendations to the Board, so they have all that information prior to the meeting.

It was suggested that the 3 countywide proposal meeting set for May 21st, be canceled. The Advisory Council feels that now that non-biased board members are scoring proposals, there is no need for the 3 countywide meeting. Amy will let everyone applying know about the cancellation.

Amy reviewed the Empowerment Budget with the Council. At this point (if all programs spend their allocation), we are looking at 15% (\$95,000) SR carryover going into 2010.

EC is looking at about \$3,000 carryover. SR funds may be cut about 15% for 2010, and status quo for EC funds.

Amy told the council about the possible 1st years 1st application, but it is on hold at this time till the Legislators make a discussion about these funds. Amy will send out information on this grant to the council.

Amy presented the current budget/expenditures for DECAT. We will have approx. \$27,000 to carryover into 2010. We don't know yet what our allocation will be for 2010. Amy will keep the council posted. Amy stated that at this point she hasn't heard about CPPC or CBCAP funds for 2010. She is hoping they are status quo.

Next meeting is set for May 12th, 1:30 Pm at the ISU Extension Office in Red Oak.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Amy Chastain
Boost4Families Coordinator