

Boost4Families Advisory Council  
May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Mont. Co. ISU

John Baker called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

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

Due to quorum not met, approval of agenda will be moved after announcements.

Amy told the council that she received a letter from the Red Oak Chamber regarding advertising businesses in the Weekly Times for a sale price. The council didn't think this would be a good fit for Boost4Families. Amy also mentioned getting the Des Moines Register so she can get Iowa news. Sonja suggested to go online to Des Moines Register.com to read Leg. Updates.

Tamra Ruff arrived. Quorum is met.

John said he would entertain a motion to approve the agenda. Sonja Cambridge made a motion to approve the agenda. Tamra Ruff seconded the motion. All approved.

Nancy Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes. Sherry Ford seconded the motion. All approved.

Amy passed around the Empowerment Billing statement/vouchers for May. Sherry Ford made a motion to approve and sign the payment vouchers as presented. Tamra Ruff seconded the motion. All approved. Bills are as follows:

Boost4Families  
Billing for May 2009

Amy Chastain	admin	May-09	\$ 40.00	SR Admin
Hy-vee	Brd supplies	May-09	\$ 46.23	SR Admin
Cass County Home Care	Parents as teach	Mar-09	\$ 8,233.71	SR
Cass County Home Care	Circles	Mar-09	\$ 1,283.39	SR
Mills Co. Pub. Health	Parents as teach	Apr-09	\$ 6,688.00	SR
Mills Co. Pub. Health	Circles	Apr-09	\$ 903.00	SR
Mont. Co.pub. Health	Parents as teach	Mar-09	\$ 9,129.00	SR
Little Lambs/Zion	preschool	Mar-09	\$ 1,465.15	SR
Nishna Valley pres	preschool	3rd qtr	\$11,905.63	SR
Pooh Corners	preschool	Apr-09	\$ 312.00	SR
C & M CSD	tuit grant/trans	Mar/April	\$ 3,753.60	SR
Glenwood CSD	tuition grants	Feb/April	\$12,615.00	SR
Ro CSD	tuition grants	Apr-09	\$ 1,895.00	SR
Stanton CSD	tuition grants	Apr-09	\$ 312.50	SR

Villisca CSD	tuition grants	Apr-09	\$ 750.00	SR
Anita CSD	tuition grants	Apr-09	\$ 450.00	SR
HCCMS	nurse consult	Feb-09	\$ 426.58	SR
SWITA	transp	Mar/April	\$ 9,111.12	SR
Deb Zurick	prof. Dev.	Mar-09	\$ 75.00	QI
Nishna Valley Fam.Ymca	prof. Dev.	Mar-09	\$ 909.00	QI
WCCA	childcare	Apr-09	\$11,768.70	EC
			\$82,072.61	
		SR	\$69,319.91	
		EC	\$11,768.70	
		QI	\$ 984.00	
			\$82,072.61	

Amy informed the council that there is an opening on the board for a parent/citizen from Mont. Co. Amy passed out a draft of a new board member application. Amy asked for input as to what information the council wants to know when looking for new board members. A discussion of what questions were needed, and Amy will change the draft to reflect the changes. Amy will post the application on the website, and post the board opening on the website and in the paper.

Amy told the council that six board members (two from each county) have agreed to score proposals. No one will read proposals from the county which they represent on the board. Amy will send them the proposals via e-mail, plus the scoring sheet and directions on completing the scoring sheets. These board members will send the completed scoring sheets back to Amy. Amy will then gather the scores and put them in order and give to council prior to the budget discussion.

A question was raised regarding new programs vs. current programs: do we score them differently? It was decided that due to having a new formal RFP process, that all RFP's be scored evenly.

Amy presented a document with the programs Boost4Families funded in 09 with Empowerment funds, the programs asking for funds for 2010, the amount received in 09 vs. 10, and the possible amounts being allocated in 2010.

Amy presented the same document for DECAT funds.

Amy mentioned that Prevent Child Abuse of Iowa will be accepting RFP's for americorp volunteers for 2010. Amy explained the program to the council. Discussion was had regarding whether this was a good fit for Boost4Families or not. It was decided that with the required match funds, and the housing of the volunteer, it really isn't needed at this time.

Amy will send the proposals out via e-mail to board members at the beginning of June.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

The next meeting is set for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 PM at the Mont. Co. ISU office. The Council will look at the recommendations of the Local Planning Groups and the scoring committee regarding the proposals. The next meeting will be to discuss/recommending how much (if at all) funding shall go to programs.

Respectfully Submitted  
Amy Chastain  
Boost4Families