

Boost4Families Advisory Council Meeting
October 19, 2009 – 2:30 p.m.
Red Oak, IA

Roll call

Present were: John Baker, Sonja Cambridge, Nancy Gibson, Sherry Ford, and Sheri Bowen.
 Others present: Michelle Franks (coordinator)
 Absent were: Tamra Ruff, Kim Spillers and Ray Buell

John Baker called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm

Approval of Agenda

John Baker presented the agenda for the meeting. Baker suggested that the current agenda be changed to include discussion on the agenda regarding the inactive status of Kimberly Spillers, Vice Chair. Nancy Gibson made a motion to approve the agenda changes as presented. Sonja Cambridge seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September Advisory Council Meeting were presented to the group. Sonja Cambridge made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sherry Ford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Payment vouchers

Vouchers for September were presented for signature and approval. Sheri Bowen made the motion to approve Boost4Families vouchers. Sherry Ford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vouchers Submitted for Approval and Payment

Program	Amount	Account
Taylor County Public Health	\$ 527.63	SR
Southwest Iowa Planning Council	\$ 4,555.55	SR
Red Oak Community Schools	\$ 1,800.00	SR
Atlantic Community Schools	\$ 300.00	SR
Atlantic Community Schools	\$ 1,395.00	SR
C&M Community Schools	\$ 1,942.50	SR
Northeast Early Childhood Center	\$ 3,210.00	SR
Cass Co.Home Care (Circles)	\$ 1,404.61	SR
WCCA (Qual Child Care)	\$ 4,165.39	SR
Cass Co. Memorial Hospital (PAT)	\$ 8,247.96	SR
Montgomery Co. Pub Health (PAT)	\$ 9,139.00	SR
Stanton Child Resource Ctr	\$ 832.15	SR
Mills Co Pub Health (Circles for Success)	\$ 1,416.00	SR
Mills Co Pub Health (PAT)	\$ 6,918.00	SR
TOTAL	\$ 45,853.79	All SR Funds

Neighborhood Network Grant

The group discussed the need to suspend the call for RFP's for the Neighborhood Network Grants in light of the possible State budget cuts. Sheri Bowen pointed out that it would be better to inform potential grantees now, rather than have organizations invest the time to write proposals. Franks agreed to post notice on the Boost4Families website and issue an email announcement to all contacts.

Empowerment Budget Reduction

The group discussed the possible effects of the 10% atb cuts on funded programs and whether it would be feasible to pass those cuts along to funded programs at the full amount. The School Ready Empowerment funds will be reduced by \$53,800 over the remainder of the year. Sheri Bowen motioned that the proposed cut be divided equitably among all programs, regardless of how much each individual program receives from SR funds vs. carryover funds. It was suggested that \$50,000 of administrative costs and the coordinator's salary be left untouched at this time. Franks was directed to calculate various scenarios of cuts to present to the Board for a formal vote on October 22, 2009, and format the report to call out each funding source for each program. Sonja Cambridge seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Next Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at the Montgomery County Extension Office.

Respectfully Submitted
Michelle Wodtke Franks
Boost4Families Coordinator