

NEICAC Policy Council

August 20, 2024

The August Policy Council meeting was held via Zoom. Participants included: Dean (Cresco), Jordan (Guttenberg), Alex (Monona), Kerry (New Hampton), Catherine (Oelwein), Brittany (Waverly), Sara (West Union), Sharon Burke, Martin Ahrndt, Angie Leiran, and Denise Tapscott (staff).

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. and roll was taken.

A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Catherine and seconded by Alex. The motion carried.

Director's Report

Staff Changes: Jennifer Wagner, Waverly Teacher; Janelle Chartrand, Oelwein CD Co-Teacher; and Denise Wilson, Oelwein E Co-Teacher, have resigned. All positions have been advertised, along with the New Hampton Co-Teacher position. An offer has been extended for the Decorah Co-Teacher position.

Budget: Early Head Start and Head Start budget summaries were reviewed. Both programs are on track for this time of year. We will be watching our in-kind requirement closely this year.

Enrollment: Martin reviewed the Early Head Start and Head Start enrollment reports. Martin has begun filling Early Head Start openings as our three-year-olds begin to transition out of the EHS program. We are getting closer to full enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year but continue to process Head Start applications as numbers change daily.

Wrap Around: The last day of summer wrap was August 2nd as preservice training was held the weeks of August 5th and 12th.

2024-2025 School Year: We are gearing up for the new school year. The first day of class will be Wednesday, August 21st.

Lap B-K Assessment: Angie Leiran, EHS Education Specialist, reviewed the spring 2024 developmental assessment results. Positive growth was reported in all areas. Results are used to inform program decisions. Parents receive individual reports on their child's development.

PIR (Program Information Report): Sharon reviewed the Head Start and Early Head Start PIR performance indicator report. It highlights the annual program data in areas of frequent interest.

Notice of Proposed Rule Making: The new Performance Standards were released on Friday, August 16th, published on August 21st and take effect October 21st. There are various timelines for implementation of changes, but our ECP program is well aligned for the changes.

The July CACFP report and the credit card statements were reviewed. All was found to be in order.

Center Reports

EHS: August Playgroups to be held at the McGregor splash pad and Decorah Farmer's Market.

Head Start: There are no HS center reports. Classrooms are currently closed for Pre-Service training.

The next meeting will be held on September 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Current PC members and new members will be invited to participate. PC members were encouraged to contact staff for interest in remaining on the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by Denise

Approved 9/17/24