

Region 7W IEIC
Meeting Minutes
February 2nd, 2023 1:00-3:00 PM (via zoom)

1. Welcome and Introductions (quorum 13 members): Makayla Wijeratne; Christine Landherr; Janelle Ortiz; Sarah Coltvet; Kristina Bruggeman-Maag; Jodie Dhooge; Annie Newville; Ashley Mirzahkanli; Lindsay Zirbes; Lisa Maschino; Lea Dobbs; Kimberly Andres; Blake Schaaf; WCCA; Brittany Pfannenstein; Jennifer Vandeford; Chandra B-Clark; Angel Meyer
2. Approvals
 - a. Minutes: December 1st, 2022; **Janelle Ortiz motioned to approve the minutes from December 2st...Jennifer Vandeford 2nd...Motion Approved**
 - b. Agenda (any additions): Added fiscal host under finance and budget. **Lisa Maschino motioned to approve the agenda with the addition...Sarah Coltvet 2nd...Motion Approved**
3. Financial/Budget
 - a. Expenditures: Fiscal was sent out. Black is what has been spent and green has not. Financial amount is sitting good. Will be moving a few items around within the budget but no need for voting approval.
 - b. Request for Funding (review any submissions received)
 - c. Proposals to spend \$
 - Rocori/Cold Spring would like to purchase books in English/Spanish to give out in Parent Ed Classes. Request is for up to \$500.00. There was discussion that we have these types of books already in stock in Waite Park. Makayla is going to get a list of titles already have in stock in Waite Park and send to Lisa. She will reach out to them and see if that is what they want and if so, will go from there. If we do not have what they want, we will send out an email vote for approval to grant them to purchase.
 - \$292.50 for Baby Expo Registration Fee- **Janelle Ortiz motioned to approve the registration fee...Lindsay Zirbes 2nd....Motion Approved**
 - d. Fiscal Host: Next year, Sherburne Northern Wright Cooperative has offered to take on as fiscal host as Benton Stearns Education no longer wishes to do that. This change will take place July 1, 2023 and will be put in the workplan so no vote needed.
4. New Business
 - a. Updates from Public Awareness Coordinator-Makayla.
Fairs and Expos
 - April 1st Baby Expo- Will be \$292.50 for table.
Billboards
 - Campaign with Franklin outdoor ended at end of January
Epromos
 - Nothing purchased since last meeting

Social Indoor Advertising

- 3 month campaign has ended

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- Lots of items in stock at Milestones office. Please feel free to stop by and grab what you may need for outreach

First Books

- Lots of books in stock at Milestones office. Stop by and grab what is needed.

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- New campaign started in October and Makayla will be meeting with them on February 9th to go over 1st quarter results. She will send report along to group after

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- b. Campaign has started and video made. It was sent out via email to group. Let Makayla know if you did not receive or need an additional copy. Campaign was only \$1,500. Do we want to do another campaign since \$5,000 was allotted? Discussion was turned towards whether or not we are interested in doing radio ads not only in Somali, but Spanish, as well. There is a radio station that is only in Somali in St. Cloud area. Brittany Pfannenstien is going to connect the community health workers at CentraCare who speak Spanish and Somali with Makayla to move this work forward. She will gather information and bring back to next meeting to decide if money should be allocated for this work.
- c. Implicit bias work- Makayla- First gathering was on Wednesday February 1st. Majority of time spent discussing historical racism and how it still applies today. Example being that people of color are predominately given less pain medication than whites and that women of color are 5x more likely to die in child birth. Policing today = slavery in the past; meaning that masters were not punished if they killed a slave who resisted or fought back. Racism in bank lending practices are still very prevalent today and we are asked to do our own research about redlining in our own communities. Talked about epigenetics. If interested or have time, should watch the films, "1619 Project" and "13th".
- d. Outreach events attended by IEIC members? 2.1 in Sauk Centre, teacher attended ECFE class and handed out resource materials.
- e. Indigenous and/or tribal representation on IEIC (updates?)- No movement with this
- f. State Updates
 - i. State IEIC Monthly Calls: 3rd Monday of the month from 9-10 AM. (if you want to join, email Lindsay and she will forward your request to Cat): Last meeting was about the history of IEICs the work they do and how the format has changed over the last 10 years. Is it working better or do we feel it was better the other way. What was lost? What was gained? No formal agenda. Been very open ended with question and answer time. We talked about in the past our county commissioner from Sherburne county attended but did not win re-election. Kristina B will keep an eye open to see if the new commissioner will attend.
- g. Updates from ICC? (if any- no longer have ICC representative)- No movement with this
- h. Data Sharing from School Districts-Referrals; Google Docs was shared with lots of discussion about referrals and wait times to get tested for autism
- i. Referrals/Collaboration with CentraCare: 18 & 24 month well visits a survey is administered...Had discussion that referrals for testing for autism is 2yrs out ...Brittany

is working on standardizing all Help Me Grow information that is distributed through CentraCare. She is doing more clinic outreach. Wondering if we can do outreach with OBs in our area? She is also working on setting up lunch and learns with providers in the centracare system 😊

- j. Lead agency Family Support Grant (present information): All counties get a set amount of money for grants to give to families with children who have disabilities to purchase items directly related to their disability. Eligibility is birth-25years and a certified disability. Meaning they are receiving SS or Disability benefits. There are income qualifications the family needs to meet to access the funds. If the counties do not use all the funds, they lose it. Keep that in mind as you are working with families.
- k. Training for IEIC's discussion: Rosemarie Allen would be amazing to have. Topics include: *Implicit Bias* Creating an Anti-Racist Environment* Culturally Responsive Practices * Anti-Bias Practices* Trauma & Resilience * Historical Trauma* Reducing Implicit Bias* Cultural Humility * Microaggressions * Racial Equity* Addressing Challenging Behaviors * Family Engagement * Leadership Skills *Culturally Responsive Licensing & Compliance <https://www.rosemarieallen.com/home.html> Not sure on cost, but can definitely reach out about a 2hr session. What would we have in the budget for this? Makayla will reach out and find information about cost for the "Culturally Responsive Licensing & Compliance" workshop

- 5. Agency Updates/ Training Opportunities: Sarah has opportunity to do a medical trip to Guatemala and would like to take some Help Me Grow outreach supplies with her. Since the items were purchased with state money and meant to be distributed in our region the answer was no.

Sherburne Northern Wright: Had a phone call about Governors budget proposal and mentioned the possibility of a new department of children/youth and families being created with several entities, including early childhood/Part C and child care licensing moving over to it. If this actually passed, it would not take effect until July 2024.

Milestones is accepting applications for Early Learning Scholarships so please send families that way. www.milestonesmn.org

Next Meetings held at Milestones or virtually (or hybrid option): **Next meeting April 13 from 1-3 pm. Commit that the first and last meeting of the year (September & April) will be in person/hybrid and other two will be virtual.**

- 6. Adjourn: **Annie Newville motioned to adjourn...Lisa Maschino 2nd...Motion Approved**