

**JMP (Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek) EARLY CHILDHOOD AREA
BOARD ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Skiff Medical Center, 204 N 4th Ave East, Newton
Wednesday April 26, 2017 at 5:15 pm

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>	<i>Unexcused</i>	<i>Non-Board</i>
John Grennan (business)	X				
Steve McCombs (elected)		X	X		
John Leeper (citizen)	X				
Muriel Johannessen (faith)	X				
Doug Cameron (education) Board Vice Chair	X				
Mary Lindberg (consumer) Board Treasurer		X	X		
Britney Schnathorst (citizen) Board Chair	X				
Betty Moll (health)	X				
Julie Wendl (human services)	X				
Amy Blanchard (Director)	X				X
Denice Fischer (Jasper ISU Ext)	X				X
Leanne Andre (CCR&R)	X				X
Jackie Sparks (Jasper PAT)	X				X
Rachel Garner(MCPH PAT)	X				X
Christy Moore, (Family Connections)	X				X
Mindy Clayton (Family Connections)	X				X

- I. The meeting was called to order by Britney Schnathorst, Chair, at 5:25 pm.
- II. Roll Call: JMP Board Members present include Cameron, Grennan, Leeper, Johannessen, Moll, Schnathorst and Wendl. Lindberg and McCombs were absent. A quorum was reached.
- III. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve** minutes of February 22, 2017 board meeting by Johannessen. **Seconded** by Wendl. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment/Provider Reports: Andre reported Gienger is at a CCR&R training. Gienger continues outreach to bring home providers on board with QRS. Fischer reported about upcoming Nature Explorer training. Clayton introduced Christy Moore to the board as the new Family Support Specialist. Family Connections is working with 3 new families and received 3 new referrals recently. Sparks reported PAT hired a new educator who will receive training in Ft. Dodge. Garner reported on a variety of recent activities with PAT for Marion County including Futures without Violence training, a Roll and Read event and car seat checks.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Board reviewed fiscal report current as of March 31, 2017. Schnathorst asked the Treasurer's Report be accepted and filed for audit.
- VI. Director's Report: The director's report was included in the board packet. Leeper inquired about the Director's meeting regarding Poweshiek County's status as a Childcare Desert. Discussion followed pertaining to JMP ECI's role in addressing the issue.
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. Blanchard updated the Board on the decision on the Early Childhood Funding Formula. The Board recommended Option 7 which was the option put forth by the Committee.

- b. The Board reviewed a list of goals distilled from the Board Self-Evaluation in November relating directly to Board Development and Early Childhood Education Advocacy. Board discussed the possibility of creating a one page handout or brochure that highlights JMP's role in our counties. Brochure could be distributed via our providers and in public spaces as well. Cameron volunteered to help refine the message. Director will seek design assistance from GPCF.

VIII. New Business:

- a. The Board reviewed the RFP presentation schedule for FY18 grant requests. Family support programs will present this evening and the remaining RFP's will present on May 23rd beginning at 8:30 am. Granting will begin following the last presentation.
- b. Site Visit Surveys conducted in March and April were emailed to the Board in advance of the meeting for review. 5 visits included at least one board member. Board members expressed positive feedback for the opportunity to attend site visits.
- c. The Board reviewed 4 maps which highlight the state of child care in our three counties in terms of availability, quality and need. The Board discussed JMP ECI's responsibility to address the situation as it relates directly to our priority of achieving high quality preschool and childcare environments with the capacity to serve all children. The Board recognizes the issue as a concern but is unsure what our role can be to help solve it.

IX. Following New Business at 6:15 pm, only the Board members and Director remained in the conference room as we prepared to hear RFP presentations from the three Family Support programs requesting funding for FY18. At 6:30 pm, Jackie Sparks presented her proposal for Parents as Teachers in Jasper County. At 7 pm, Mindy Clayton and Christy Moore presented the proposal for Family Connections in Poweshiek County. At 7:40 pm, Rachel Garner presented the proposal for Parents as Teachers in Marion County. Following each presentation the Board asked questions regarding the programs, number of families served and cost per home visit. Following the final presentation, the Board reviewed their notes on the scoring rubric and scored each proposal via consensus scoring, a new technique for the Board.

X. The JMP board meeting was adjourned by Schnathorst at 8:40 pm. The JMP Board is scheduled to meet May 23, 2017 at 8:30 am at the Foundation Offices in Grinnell, 1510 Penrose Ave, at which time the remaining funding proposals will be presented and granting will follow.