

Date: June 10 2024
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Effingham County Childcare Research Committee Meeting
Luttrell Room – Effingham Public Library
200 N. Third St., Effingham, IL

Committee Members in attendance:

Courtney Yockey, Trina Niemerg, Molly Laue and Norbert Soltwedel

Ex-Officio Members in attendance:

Courtney Hatcher

Members of the Public in attendance:

Hillary Beard

Courtney Yockey called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Minutes from the May 13 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Trina Niemerg to approve the minutes, seconded by Norbert Soltwedel. All ayes – motion approved.

Courtney Yockey asked for any public comments. Hillary Beard introduced herself, stated that her family had submitted a scholarship application and explained their situation.

There was no update from the County Board.

The committee discussed the Childcare Scholarship Program. There are three new applications to review at this time. The first application (Beard) was reviewed. Molly Laue made a motion to approve the application subject to receipt of their CCAP denial letter and a copy of their most recent paystub confirming income eligibility. Trina Niemerg seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. The second application (Neu) was reviewed. Based on the paystubs submitted (which included some overtime pay), the applicant just barely exceeded the income guidelines but if the applicant submits updated paystub(s), the application will be reconsidered for eligibility. The third application (Krietemeyer) was reviewed. The applicant's income exceeded the income guidelines therefore the committee voted to deny. Trina Niemerg made the motion, Molly Laue seconded and all members voted in favor.

Connie Jerden was not present at the meeting but she provided Courtney Yockey with a CEFS update via e-mail. She said they have not been successful with hiring teachers or a site director and have now set a deadline of 7/1 by which to notify ISBE of their inability to begin implementation of the Initiative Program.

Courtney Hatcher said there is still work towards unification of Childcare Systems but progress is slow.

The next Childcare Research Committee meeting will be held on Monday July 8, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Courtney Yockey asked for any additional committee member comments and there were none.

Adjourn – move to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Norbert Soltwedel, seconded by Trina Niemerg. All ayes – motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Molly Laue