

Date: October 7 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, Norbert Soltwedel, Trina Niemerg, Molly Laue and Mike Buzzard

Ex-Officio Members in attendance:

Connie Jerden

Members of the Public in attendance:

None

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes from the August 12 and September 9 meetings were presented for approval. Motion made by Norbert Soltwedel to approve the minutes, seconded by Trina Niemerg. All ayes – motion approved.

There were no members of the public in attendance therefore no public comment.

Courtney Yockey gave an update from the Effingham County Board (agenda item #4) and led a discussion regarding the Committee's earmark of Effingham County ARPA funds (agenda item #7). At the September County Board meeting, the Board approved utilizing \$51,300 to continue to fund five existing scholarships (subject to continued eligibility) and fund two new scholarships (the two being reviewed today, or other(s) submitted prior to year-end if today's applications are not approved). The remaining \$89,430 of earmarked ARPA funds for our Committee's projects will go back to the County's general ARPA fund.

The committee review three applications. The first two are new applications and the third is for the annual renewal for an existing recipient. The first application was reviewed and deemed eligible subject to receipt of CCAP denial letter and verification of the date of birth of child(ren). Motion to recommend approval subject to receipt/verification of those items was made by Trina Niemerg and seconded by Molly Laue with all members voting in favor. The second application was reviewed and deemed ineligible due to income (with overtime included) being over the scholarship income eligibility limit for a family size of two. The overtime is being included in the calculation in order to be consistent with CCAP eligibility rules. Motion to recommend denial was made by Trina Niemerg and seconded by Mike Buzzard with all members voting in favor. The third application (renewal) was reviewed and deemed eligible based on recent paystubs indicating income is still under the limit for a family size of two. Motion to recommend approval was made by Molly Laue and seconded by Trina Niemerg with all members voting in favor.

There was no update from CEFS.

The next Childcare Research Committee meeting would normally fall on Monday November 11, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. but this is Veteran's Day so it will be rescheduled to Tuesday November 12.

Committee members were asked if they had any additional comments and there were none.

Adjourn – move to adjourn the meeting at 12:57 p.m. Motion made by Norbert Soltwedel, seconded by Mike Buzzard. All ayes – motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Molly Laue