

**FMC Community Empowerment  
Special Board Meeting Minutes 8/18/09  
5:30 p.m.; Floyd County Supervisors' Board Room, Charles City**

Members of the FMC Community Empowerment board answered roll call for a special meeting held on Tuesday, August 8, 2009 at the board room of the Floyd County Supervisors' at the Floyd County Courthouse. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussion/decision/vote on child care stimulus funds available to Empowerment areas in Iowa.

Board chair Robert Marreel called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. The following persons answered roll call:

- Virgil Pickar, Jr.
- Kathy Herrick
- Bonnie Blake
- Deb Freeman
- Robert Marreel
- Leo Staudt
- Shannon Paulus

A quorum of 7 was met. The meeting proceeded with the coordinator briefing the board the amount of funds available:

- ARRA Child Care Quality funds: \$12,573
- ARRA Infant and Toddler funds: \$7,282
- Total Amount: \$19,855
- 5% allowable admin: \$992.75
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The coordinator had emailed the materials from the state outlining the program, a Q and A sheet and an acceptance/rejection sheet. Discussion regarding the funds and FMC's ability to take care part in the program followed. After discussion and entertaining any questions from the floor, which there were none, the board determined that FMC did not have sufficient numbers of providers available to take part in the program.

**Motion:**

FMC Community Empowerment rejects the child care stimulus funds because:

Child care providers must meet at least one of the following quality care standards:

- They must be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children: FMC has only one provider meeting those standards

- They must be accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care: FMC has 0 providers with NAFCC accreditation
- They must have achieved a Quality Rating of 3, 4, or 5 (FMC 8, but some have no openings for children, especially infants and toddlers).

Also, the program only serves children up to age 2 and is of a short time frame for care, that being 3 months.

The above motion was made by Deb Freeman and seconded by Bonnie Blake; the roll call vote as follows to reject the funds:

—	Virgil Pickar, Jr.	yes
—	Kathy Herrick	yes
—	Bonnie Blake	yes
—	Deb Freeman	yes
—	Robert Marreel	yes
—	Leo Staudt	yes
—	Shannon Paulus	yes

Vote recorded as unanimous to reject the funds.

The Board chair signed the form and the coordinator will see that the state receives the proper paperwork prior to the deadline of September 1, 2009.

The next regular meeting: September 14, 2009

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Shannon Paulus; second by Leo Staudt. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Shannon Paulus/Secretary