

Minutes
FMC Community Empowerment Board
Monday, September 14, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
Charles City Public Library, Charles City, IA

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bob Marreel at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Shannon Paulus, Virgil Pickar, Jr., Kathy Herrick, Bonnie Blake, Mark Knudtson and Deb Freeman. Board members absent: Leo Staudt, Kay Winkelman, Elayne Werges, Carol Strike, Kae Courtney and Lori Jost. It was determined that there was a quorum (7 members present).

Round table introductions were made.

The agenda was presented and reviewed. Motion by Pickar and seconded by Blake to approve the agenda as presented. Vote taken. All ayes.

The minutes for the meeting dated July 13, 2009 were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion by Herrick and seconded by Knudtson that the minutes be approved. Roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye, no members voted nay. Motion passed 7-0.

The minutes for the special meeting dated August 18th, 2009 (held to determine whether to accept or reject Child Care Stimulus funding) were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion by Pickar and seconded by Freeman that the minutes be approved. Roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye, no members voted nay. Motion passed 7-0.

Laurie Kristiansen, coordinator, presented information on the financial report. Gloria Carr, fiscal agent/Floyd County auditor was unable to attend due to another meeting conflict. Current financial reports for School Ready and Early Childhood were reviewed. Motioned by Paulus and seconded by Herrick to approve the financial reports as submitted. Roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. No members voted nay. Motion passed 7-0.

Kristiansen reported that the 2009 annual report for FMC Community Empowerment would be submitted to Des Moines in time for the September 15th deadline, pending FMC Board review/approval on Sept. 14. The FMC Empowerment board will now wait for a formal review of the report, which will be conducted by state team member Debra Scrowther. This may be either done in person or via phone. Kristiansen will keep the

board apprised of the date of the review as soon as she is notified.

Kristiansen passed out the 2009 Executive Summary for legislators to get a “snapshot view” of the FMC Empowerment group. It, along with the annual report, are both posted on the FMC Empowerment website (HYPERLINK "http://www.fmcempowerment.com" www.fmcempowerment.com)

Motion by Freeman to approve the Executive Summary and to remove the word “insert” from the headline: “insert local story.” Motion seconded by Blake. Roll call vote was taken; all members present voted aye, no members voted nay. Motion passed 7-0.

The 2009 FMC Empowerment Annual Report document (39 page document on state template.) Board members, partner/collaborators present discussed and reviewed the report and Kristiansen took notes on corrections identified. Motion by Knudtson to approve the report as noted with corrections identified. Motion seconded by Blake. Roll call vote was taken; all members present voted aye; no members voted nay. Motion passed 7-0. Board chair and fiscal agent will sign the corrected hard copy and it will be submitted via mail and email on September 15th. The electronic version will meet the required Sept. 15th deadline. The Executive summary will also be sent, and financial reports were already submitted in July, 2009, but will be submitted as copies, again.

Census 2010 Update: Kristiansen noted that Gloria Carr had requested that those present be reminded of the importance of the census and that a lot of funding is decided via this information (schools, counties, Empowerment), as well as representation in state and national government. Brochures, tablets, and pencils were available to review/take.

Community Empowerment Lean Design Update: Kristiansen discussed that Empowerment is 10 years old now. There is a movement to reorganize from 59 empowerment areas to 35 or so. There will be a maximum of four counties per area. She will keep us updated on more information as it becomes available. Information can also be found on the State Empowerment website.

Preschool Scholarship Update: Kristiansen stated that applications were due September 18th. She has received applications from 5 preschools and still needs to get information from 7 more. NP School District did receive a grant from the State of Iowa Dept. of Education. They will not be applying for scholarships funds in FY 2010 from FMC.

Community Comment:

Program updates were given by Jan Streich from Children at Home and DHS/Families Making Connections. Jan had Child abuse prevention/education posters to be put out into the FMC Empowerment area.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Charles City

Public Library meeting room.

Herrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Freeman seconded the motion; motion carried with all aye votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Shannon Paulus/s/
FMC Empowerment Secretary

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