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BOARD OPERATIONS & ASSESSMENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes

July 16, 2008 12:00-1:30

**Federation Bank, 5th floor conference room
110 N Iowa Ave
Washington, IA 52353**

**Members Present: Jim Miksch, Edie Nebel, Janis Gruber, Lori Lamb, Susan Gray,
Jeannie Pedrick, Tammy Wetjen-Kestersen, Tasha Beghtol**

1. Bylaws

Members continued final revisions on Bylaws. Tasha will make recommended changes and put revisions on the next Board agenda for comments. Bylaws will need 2 meetings to be approved.

Board structure was discussed and a diagram was created to better explain how the new committees (noted in the revised bylaws) will function. Members agreed that the advisory committee will be made up of representatives receiving Empowerment funding, but this committee will not have authority to make formal recommendations to the Board. Recommendations shall go through 1 of the 2 Board committees.

2. Membership

Megan Jones-Scheibel has submitted an informal resignation as chairperson and board member. Tasha has requested a formal resignation for submission at the next Board meeting. Tasha noted that with the resignation and terms ending for Mark Schneider and Sue Kos the Board currently has 4 vacancies. Two applications are approved and the committee will recommend seating Evan Parrott and Calista Stout at the next regular meeting. Positions to be filled are citizen members, one representing business. Men are preferable to maintain a gender-balanced board.

3. Playground needs & REAP program

Discussion was held regarding next steps for WCE in assisting local providers in accessing playground resources. Members discussed the possibility of Public Health writing a Wellmark grant and the possibility of WCE writing a second Riverboat grant. Members agreed to proceed with Tasha re-submitting a Riverboat grant based on the feedback that was provided by the Riverboat board in the spring. Tasha will schedule a meeting with providers to explain the new riverboat grant and how they can participate. Requirements for local providers will be based on involvement in quality initiatives.

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT: *All individuals within the Washington County Empowerment Area will have a community that values and provides the opportunity to maximize their potential in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment, through partnering and collaborative efforts.*