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PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Minutes

September 11, 2008
Federation Bank, 5th floor conference room
110 N Iowa Ave
Washington, IA 52353

Members present: Anna Rich, Delores Carpenter, Tasha Beghtol,
Advisory members present: Mary Gilcrest, Teresa Greiner, Shalon Hoyle, and Monika
Chalupa

1. Preschool Scholarships

Members reviewed applications for scholarships. Agreed by consensus to approve 100% tuition paid, beginning October 1st for applicant #33 and # 31. Agreed by consensus to approve 50% tuition paid, beginning October 1st for applicant #34.

2. Budget revisions and planning for unallocated funds

Tasha handed out and reviewed information regarding the 3 areas of the budget that currently have uncommitted funds (see handout). PAT submitted a request for additional funding to incorporate new musical therapy/enrichment for families and to increase the hours for staff to successfully accomplish the peer review process. Tasha noted that Mini Bus and CART are also programs that might need additional funds for FY09. Members agreed that more time is needed to review the PAT request and consider all options before a funding recommendation can be formalized for the Board.

3. Professional Development – Preschool Support

Preschool teachers representing different districts and organizations shared current needs for local teachers and assistants. All partners identified the need for CDA Child Development Associate credentialing support and guidance. A CDA support system is needed to provide technical assistance and information for staff members seeking the credential. Staff needs a clear picture of classes approved for the CDA credential and access to those classes. Tasha explained that this need is a statewide concern and she plans to attend a conference on Sept 18th that is targeted toward planning a CDA system development for Iowa. Tasha will update the committee next month for next steps in CDA system support.