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## PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

### Minutes

**Oct 18, 2007 3:00pm**  
**Federation Bank, 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room**  
**110 N Iowa Ave**  
**Washington, IA 52353**

**Members Present:** Tasha Beghtol, Jennifer Callahan, Sue Kos

#### **1. Program Updates**

*Montessori of Iowa City* – Tasha updated the committee on the status of application #53. Tasha explained that she decided to extend the deadline of 10 days, as approved at the last committee meeting, for the Montessori School of Iowa City to decide if they were going to participate in the scholarship program and meet standards. Tasha noted that she had discussed the options with the parents, Montessori staff, and Laurie Nash (Johnson Co Empowerment). Jo Co Emp had sent all necessary information to the preschool regarding meeting standards and supports available. Gordon, Montessori director said that he would get in touch with Tasha on or before October 26<sup>th</sup> to confirm plans. If the school chooses to not work toward Jo Co Emp standards, then the family is not eligible to receive a scholarship. Tasha noted that the family has been paying tuition until scholarship application is complete.

*Minibus* – Tasha handed out and reviewed the September bill received from the Mini Bus. Tasha noted that the bill showed 2-way transportation cost for a child not approved for the extra fee. Mini Bus staff explained that the family was behind in payment so they added to the cost to Empowerment's bill. Tasha noted that she did not approve the extra fees and inquired about Mini Bus procedure. Committee voiced concerns for lack of consistency in charges and procedures with Mini Bus. Tasha will continue to monitor claims closely and request a fee schedule from the Mini Bus.

**Application update** – committee agreed to establish new rules for applications

1. Incomplete applications will be held no longer than 30 days.
2. Applications received after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month will be processed for scholarship to begin on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month.

Tasha explained that the committee would need to look at establishing new rules and guidelines for the scholarship program. Tasha will create a list and present it for review at the next committee meeting.

## **2. CART**

Tasha provided general update on CART contract and timeline. Sue noted that the advertisement for the position was released. Marsha Reitzler faxed a copy of the job description. Committee noted importance of applicant having skills in Early Childhood Behavioral issues. It was also noted that the job description included home based settings and Washington Co would not be provided the CART program in home settings. Sue noted that clarification of details could be made during interviews.