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PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Minutes

January 13th, 2009
4:00-5:30pm
Kalona Public Library
510 C Ave
Kalona, IA 52247

Members present: Anna Rich, Jolisa Weidner, Evan Parrott, Renella Crawford, and Tasha Beghtol

1. Professional Development Stipend Applications

Tasha handed out and reviewed 7 applications. Total amount approved is \$1,285.00.

2. Professional development funding – establish maximum budget

Members discussed current budget and agreed to recommend a total Professional Development budget of \$3,300. The recommendation will allow for approximately 5-7 more applications.

3. 1.5% budget cut

Tasha noted that she had not received any further direction from the office of Empowerment regarding the budget cuts, but she estimates that the cut will be approximately \$5,000. At this time it is unknown if the cut must be taken from all carveouts or if the local board has discretion.

4. RFP process for FY10

Members discussed the time frame for RFPs. It was agreed to keep the same timeline as last year. Tasha will include clear language in the press release and RFP document that WCE expects a reduction in funding for FY10 and that priority will be given to previously funded programs.

5. Head Start – request for funding support

Tasha and Renella shared background information about the budget cuts that HACAP/Head Start has received and the need for local wrap around support. Head Start funding that typically supports Linn and Johnson Counties has been reduced. As a result monies may be re-routed from the Washington Head Start to support the efforts of the entire region. Members agreed that it would not be possible to move forward with any funding recommendations unless a semi-formal proposal is received. The committee recommends that Tasha notify Rose Peterson and request a brief proposal including number of slots, exact funding request, funding amounts being provided by other empowerment areas, and any additional facts and figures. Members agreed that a complete RFP was not necessary. Tasha will include Head Start on the Board agenda for January 22nd and confirm Rose's attendance.