

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes

July 19, 2007 3:30pm
Federation Bank, 5th floor conference room
110 N Iowa Ave
Washington, IA 52353

Present: Paula Buckwalter, Sue Kos, Tasha Beghtol, Jennifer Callahan, Teresa Greiner

1. Scholarship application

Discussion was held regarding tuition scholarships and the % to be paid based on income level. It was decided by consensus that all families @ or below 200% poverty would receive 100% of tuition paid. Members also agreed, based on extra funding available, to offer scholarships for families above 200% poverty level. Scholarships will be: 200-225% poverty level = 80% tuition paid by empowerment; 225-250% poverty level = 60% tuition paid by empowerment.

Tasha handed out and reviewed the preschool agreement template. It was noted that preschools who have now completed the board requirements of being at a QRS level 2 rating will need some form of direction in regards to continued work and consultation with the Child Care Nurse Consultant. Tasha said that she would add in suggested language from committee members and bring final template for approval at next meeting.

2. Voluntary 4 year old preschool

Tasha noted that Highland and Mid-Prairie districts both received funding for preschool from the state. Tasha pointed out that this award would leave approximately \$40,000 in unallocated monies from the preschool support carve out. Members discussed possible uses for the extra funds; 1) fluoride varnish, 2) CART-like program 3) literacy program with parent involvement. Tasha handed out and reviewed the new tool for preschool spending guidance from the IEB. It was noted that all 3 ideas would fit into the spending parameters. Members decided to have Tasha find out more details and possible structures for the 3 ideas and bring it for discussion at the next meeting.

Tasha explained that the committee agreed last year to include licensed centers with preschool curriculums as eligible programs for preschool scholarships. Tasha also noted that

concerns were raised regarding quality of the programs in this situation. Requirements for the 07-08 year will include the completion of QPPS for any licensed center serving children on scholarship. Currently one of the two licensed centers that participate in the program already meet these requirements.

Next meeting will be August 9th @ 3:00pm