

**Early Childhood Investment Corporation
Corporate Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2006**

Attendees

Board Members:

Present: Pam Faris, Debbie Dingell, Hubert Price, Marianne Udow, Bob Kelch, Susan Broman, Marvin McKinney, Jean Stewart, Larry Schweinhart, and Mike Flanagan.

Absent: Steve Ewing, Sally Vaughn, Ismael Ahmed, and David Hollister.

Staff:

Present: Mike Foley, ECIC, Joan Blough, ECIC, Kathi Pioszak, ECIC, Cheryl Thompson, ECIC, Nancy Willyard, ECIC

Public:

Linda Schmitt, DHS, Doug Paterson, DCH, Lindy Buch, MDE, and Kristen McDonald, MDE., Irma Zuckerberg, DLEG

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by the Chair, Marvin McKinney.

II. Introductions and Announcements

ECIC Executive Committee members introduced themselves.

III. Approval of December 8, 2006, Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jean Stewart, seconded by Pam Faris, and passed.

IV. Report of the Chief Operating Officer

Mike Foley provided an update on the status of the Kellogg Foundation proposal being developed by the ECIC staff. The proposal is anticipated to be completed by the end of January.

Joan Blough informed the Executive Committee that Michigan will participate in the Intensive Technical Assistance Grant Program provided under the auspices of the National Smart Start Technical Assistance Center. As a recipient of Intensive Technical Assistance, the ECIC can send up to five individuals to the National Smart Start Conference being held from March 7-9, 2006.

Marvin McKinney and Larry Schweinhart presented the staff recommendations regarding the designation of Great Start Collaborative and Great Start Capacity Building grants. A background document was provided to the Executive Committee to support the recommendations.

Following a discussion of the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Larry Schweinhart to approve the Great Start Collaborative and Capacity Building grants as detailed in the background document. The motion was seconded by Marianne Udow. The motion was passed by the Executive Committee.

Mike Foley provided background information to the Executive Committee on the three Child Care contracts the ECIC staff is asking the Executive Committee to approve.

Hubert Price informed the Executive Committee that he is a board member of the Michigan 4C Association. Hubert asked the Executive Committee to allow him to participate in the discussion but abstain from voting. The Executive Committee agreed.

Mike Foley asked the Executive Committee to award three contracts for Child Care Resource and Referral. He recommended that the three contracts be awarded to Michigan 4C Association, Child Care Connections/Northwest MI 4C, and Child Care Coordinating Council of Detroit/Wayne County, Inc.

Following a discussion of the Executive Committee, Mike Flanagan made a motion to approve the recommendation, Susan Broman supported the motion. The Executive Committee passed the motion, with Hubert Price abstaining.

Mike Foley asked the Executive Committee to award two contracts for Child Care Provider training, one to MSU Cooperative Extension and one to Michigan 4C Association. This funding approach would allow providers with a choice as to training curriculums and approaches, e.g. classroom, on-line, etc.

The Executive Committee conducted a discussion of the ECIC staff recommendation. As a result of that discussion, a motion was made by Bob Kelch to approve the recommendation from ECIC staff to award two contracts and directed ECIC staff to work with MI 4C Association and MSU. ECIC staff are directed to provide clarifying detail at the next Executive Committee meeting as to how both contracts will be implemented. This motion was seconded by Marianne Udow. The Executive Committee approved the motion, with Hubert Price abstaining.

Executive Committee advised staff that in the future, all Executive Committee materials need to be received at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting. The meeting materials need to include sufficient background for Executive Committee members to be prepared to act on staff recommendations. The Executive Committee wants future contract award recommendations to be brought to it by its subcommittees, rather than by ECIC staff. ECIC staff duly noted the Executive Committee's concerns and direction for the future.

Mike Foley asked the Executive Committee to approve the award of a contract to the Michigan 4C Association for the Accreditation and Incentive Services for Child Care Providers. Following a discussion of the Executive Committee, Mike Flanagan made the motion to accept the recommendation. Marianne Udow seconded the motion. The Executive Committee approved the motion. Hubert Price abstained.

Mike Foley asked the Executive Committee to award a contract to Public Sector Consultants for an Early Childhood Workforce Study. Mike Foley provided a background document that summarized the selection process and strengths of the two viable proposals that were received. The Executive Committee discussed the requested action item. A motion was made by Hubert

Price to have the Policy and Program Committee review the Early Childhood Workforce Study proposals and bring a recommendation for approval to the Executive Committee at the 2/1/06 meeting. Motion was amended by Marianne Udow to request the Policy and Program Committee to recommend the selection of a contractor and report to the Executive Committee at the 2/1/06 meeting. Motion was seconded by Susan Broman. Motion was passed by the Executive Committee.

V. Discussion Items

Hubert Price, Chair of the CEO Selection Committee, provided an update on the CEO selection process. A full and comprehensive report from the Selection Committee will be provided at the next meeting.

Marvin McKinney requested that the Executive Committee come to consensus as a body on the qualities of the CEO it is to select for the ECIC. The Executive Committee agreed that it wanted to have this discussion in advance of any recommendation.

VI. Report by the Chair

No report was provided by the Chair.

VII. Public Comment

Jenny McAlpine, President of Mi4C Association, provided public comment on the proposed Child Care Provider Training contracts. She indicated the decades of experience that the MI 4C Association has providing this service. Personnel development is a part of the core mission of the Association. She was concerned that the other potential contractor does not have similar experience or capacity.

Mark Sullivan, Director of the MI 4C Association, encouraged the Executive Committee to act expediently on the Child Care Provider Training proposals. Over 125,000 people need this training and it is currently not available as the existing contract ended 12/31/05.

Paul Cloutier, the director of Native American affairs at DHS, indicated that American Indian Tribes are not a part of some ISDs and actually have their own schools. He asked the ECIC to consider supporting Great Start Collaboratives (GSCs) in tribal communities – rather than only ISDs. He also commented that the Workforce Study needs to look at Tribal Communities as well.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Pam Faris, seconded by Jean Stewart, approved by the Executive Committee.

Minutes submitted by Joan Blough, ECIC Staff.