

MINUTES
Executive Committee Meeting
May 23, 2007

Present:

Board Members

Marvin McKinney

Mike Flanagan

Betsy Boggs

Susan Broman

Hubert Price

Pam Faris

Larry Schweinhart

Robert Kelch

David Hollister

Sally Vaughn

Staff:

Judy Samelson, CEO

Christine Derdarian, Counsel

Michael D. Foley

Joan Blough

Yasmin Green

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Marvin McKinney called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

II. INVITATION TO PUBLIC

No members of the public addressed the board.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the Early Childhood Investment Corporation Executive Committee approve the minutes of the meeting of March 28, 2007.

Moved by Ms. Broman, seconded by Ms. Faris. Unanimously carried.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. McKinney discussed his intention to solicit more input from the board and stated he would be in contact with individual board members between now and the fall board meeting.

Ms. Samelson announced that Mr. Ahmed had been injured in a fall and undergone extensive surgery and that he will be stepping down from the board.

V. NEW BUSINESS

March Financials: Ms. Samelson stated that the organization is in the process of a detailed reinventing of accounting procedures in the aftermath of the resignation of the original accountant. She noted that Plante Moran is working on the system and it will take some time, but accurate and timely financial reports which offer a clear picture of the organization will be forthcoming. In reviewing the financial statement with the board, Ms. Samelson added that ECIC is on pace to spend the CCDF grant in full.

RESOLVED, that the Early Childhood Investment Corporation accept the financial statements as presented.

Motion by Ms. Faris, seconded by Ms. Boggs. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Great Start Collaboratives: Ms. Blough presented detailed current information on the 21 funded collaboratives. Ms. Samelson stated that she and Ms. Blough had recently completed a 'listening tour' of all the collaboratives across the state and had gleaned valuable insights for moving forward. Discussion ensued regarding specific work of the collaboratives with regard to early childhood research, data collection, systems analysis, and so on.

The board discussed foundation involvement in Michigan's early childhood landscape. Ms. Samelson related that the BUILD CEO mentioned to her that he feels Michigan and Washington are examples of states with the better idea for impacting early childhood; that is, building out through local communities. Further discussion took place concerning placement of the collaboratives at the ISD's and some of the attendant complications.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. CEO REPORT

Strategic Priorities: Discussion turned to the funding of additional collaboratives and the process developed to assist communities from preparation through application to funding. Ms. Samelson summarized the points of the

presentation, outlining the ISD piece, the accounting issues, and the slight dollar changes in the collaborative funding. She added that information gained to date will inform the work going forward, particularly with regard to development of a new RFP.

Mr. Flanagan complimented the thoughtful work and attention to thinking about the total system of support for children in Michigan. The board then discussed the topic of quality child care.

Policy Agenda: Mr. Kolb reviewed legislative activities and reported on a recent visit to Washington DC Summit. He commented that the leadership in Congress is responsive to the issues and said there is hope for movement on the issues in this cycle. Mr. Kolb stated that in Michigan, budget concerns are omnipresent.

Finance Project: Mr. Foley discussed the Finance Project and stated the work has begun to map the use of public and private dollars and the breakdown of federal monies for early childhood across the state of Michigan.

Star Power: Ms. Green reminded board members that Star Power will be taking place on May 29th and noted that participation responses to date are excellent. She stated she will be providing the board additional updates regarding Star Power Day via email.

External Advisory Committees: The external board advisory committees have all met, and further work will be developed in the upcoming Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

Next Executive Committee Meeting – July 25, 2007

ADOURNMENT

Dr. McKinney declared the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Aguirre
Ex. Asst. to CEO