

**Early Childhood Investment Corporation
Executive Committee Meeting
January 9, 2008**

Executive Committee

Susan Broman, Chairperson
Sally Vaughn, Chair-Elect
Marvin McKinney, Immediate Past Chair
Larry Schweinhart, Treasurer
Carolyn Clark
Betsy Boggs
Elizabeth Bunn

Marianne Udow
Dan DeGrow
Pam Faris
Debbie Dingell (telephone)
Hubert Price, excused

Staff

Judy Samelson, CEO
Christine Derdarian, Counsel
Dick Davis, Plante Moran

Others Present

Lisa Brewer-Walraven

CALL TO ORDER

Susan Broman called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

EDUCATION SESSION

An overview of ECIC's various funding streams, both public and private, was provided, including an explanation of the purpose for the funding and programs the funds support. Mike Foley stated the organization has been working to achieve a diversity of funding sources.

Judy Samelson introduced Dick Davis and explained Plante Moran's involvement with ECIC's financial systems. Mr. Davis reviewed the financial systems that preceded his firm's involvement and the work performed to date that is helping to give ECIC the necessary checks and balances and accounting systems required for an organization of such complexity. Mr. Davis complimented the work of Kathi Pioszak to date in helping to organize and manage the accounting tasks. Judy Samelson noted that Mary Lannoye will be joining ECIC on a part-time basis to help get the new systems up and running.

The Education Session concluded at 12:57 p.m.; after a brief recess the meeting reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MASTER RESOLUTION

Motion by Dan DeGrow, seconded by David Hollister, to approve the Master Resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Susan Broman expressed appreciation for the Education Session, noting it is helpful for board members to be aware of the organization's financial portfolio along with gaining an enhanced sense of what each member's responsibilities are with regard to the work of the organization. Chairperson Broman also commended staff for the quantity and quality of work that has been accomplished in a very short time. She added that board members will need to be committed, vigilant, supportive, and available to cement the organization's progress and provide support for the work plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the legislative appointment and bylaw language issues that impact the corporate board and Executive Committee. Counsel has been asked to continue to review this matter and work with Judy Samelson, and reports will be provided to the board as progress continues.

NEW BUSINESS

Great Start Collaboratives

Judy stated that development of local collaboratives is among the most important work of the organization. A very comprehensive series of presentations followed about the collaboratives, including the RFP and funding process planned for GSC expansion. Joan Blough gave an historical perspective, reviewing original funding awards and the criteria outlined in original RFP. She noted that a certain base amount of funding is required in order for the collaboratives to perform the needed scope of work. If the scope of work is changed, the base amount could be changed.

Marissa Zamudio presented information regarding the structure and organization of the collaboratives, and discussed the component committees, action agendas and processes involved at the local collaborative level. Discussion ensued regarding steps taken to ensure a broad and diverse cross-section of representation is achieved on the collaboratives.

Cherie Ross-Barber discussed the parent groups, stating that they are generating a great deal of energy and activity. The groups are successfully integrating their action agendas into larger community initiatives and into government structure. They are focusing on issues such as information and coordination of services, and many nontraditional partners are at the table. Training has been well-received and more are being requested.

Judy Samelson noted that the parent coalition piece is growing rapidly, and those parent groups are pushing ECIC to respond to their needs. ECIC is reorganizing internally to respond and there will be dedicated staff for the parent coalitions.

There was general discussion around issues identified as potential stumbling blocks for GSC development including local leadership participation, turf, ISD and local state director buy-in. There was discussion about potential conflicts around Executive Committee/GSC membership. Suggestions were offered ranging from obtaining written pledges of participation to lowering the threshold for meeting attendance. The Executive Committee affirmed that ECIC should continue to stress the need for leadership participation on Great Start Collaboratives.

The Committee asked that staff work with ECIC attorney Christine Derdarian to develop standards of conduct that would supplement the Corporation's Conflict of Interest statement.

The proposed RFP, RFP process and scope of work for GSC Planning Phase was presented and discussed.

MASTER RESOLUTION – NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Pam Faris, seconded by Dan DeGrow to approve the Great Start Collaborative RFP as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sally Vaughn, seconded by Marianne Udow to approve the Great Start Collaborative Scope of Work for Planning Phase as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Broman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Aguirre
Ex. Asst. to CEO