

**ECIC Corporate Board Annual Meeting
Executive Committee Meeting
Via Conference Call
MINUTES
December 15, 2008**

Present:

Executive Committee Members:

Susan Broman
Larry Schweinhart
Sally Vaughn
Lisa Brewer-Walraven (on behalf of Ismael Ahmed)
Betsy Boggs
Elizabeth Bunn
Dan DeGrow
Deborah Dingell
Pamela Faris
David Hollister
Hubert Price
Marianne Udow-Phillips

Staff:

Judy Samelson, CEO
Joan Blough
Alissa Parks
Marissa Zamudio
Kathi Pioszak

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Broman called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

II. Invitation for Public Comment

None.

III. Approval of Minutes -7.10.08

Be it resolved, that the ECIC Corporation Board approves the Minutes of September 10, 2008.

Motion by Dan DeGrow, supported by Marianne Udow-Phillips. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chairperson's Report

Board Appointments Update

Judy Samelson reported new appointments to the ECIC board were progressing slowly. She indicated that several names have been given to the Governor's Office of Appointments and hopes that those names will move in January.

An important Senate Bill to fix language necessary to maintain the ECIC board was explained by Judy Samelson. This item was set to move in lame duck.

ILA Update

V. New Business

FY09 Establishment Grant Agreement

Report given by Judy Samelson. Almost identical to last year and already approved by the Department of Human Services.

Report of the Strategic Planning Committee

Report given by Sally Vaughn.

GSC Request

Judy Samelson gave a brief overview of the request of Lake, Mason and Oceana to consolidate into one area GSC. This larger GSC asked for above average funding for one GSC but due to the consolidation, this type of organization would save money overall.

Dan DeGrow commented that this is a wise idea and noted that the ECIC should encourage counties with a similar structure to consider this avenue.

ILA Request

Report given by Judy Samelson.

Master Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the ECIC Executive Committee accepts the policy agenda as recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee and

Motion by _____, supported by _____. Motion passed unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the ECIC Executive Committee accepts the FY09 Establishment Grant Agreement between ECIC and the Department of Human Services and

Motion by Dan DeGrow supported by Hubert Price. Motion passed unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the ECIC Executive Committee accepts the recommendation to allow the consolidation of Lake, Mason and Oceana into one Great Start Collaborative to be funded in FY09 at \$160,000 and

Motion by _____, supported by _____. Motion passed unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the ECIC Executive Committee approves Sanilac County Intermediate School District's request to join the ECIC Interlocal Agreement.

Motion by Marianne Udow-Phillips supported by David Hollister. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

Review of FY09 Budget

Judy Samelson asked the Executive Board to formally approve the FY09 budget in the event there was not a quorum present at the Corporate Board meeting as in past meetings. An overview of the FY09 budget was presented.

A discussion ensued where Dan DeGrow asked why ECIC was under spending money allocated. Judy Samelson explained that contractors were spending less on projects and thus leaving money unspent. She also clarified that all unspent money was currently in the hand of collaboratives.

Hubert Price inquired where the Children of Color initiative fit into the budget. Judy Samelson noted that this fell under the money allocated to the Increasing Investment portion of the budget under Expenditures by Activity.

Be it resolved, that the ECIC Corporation Board approves the FY09 budget as recommended.

Motion by Marianne Udow-Phillips supported by David Hollister. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. CEO Update

Children of Color Update

Judy Samelson indicated that further communication on Children of Color would come via e-mail.

Review of the FY09 Policy Agenda

Recommendations for Early Childhood Policy Priorities

- All children 0-5 have a medial home.

Report given by Sally Vaughn.

- All child care providers have access to early childhood mental health consultation.

Report given by Judy Samelson. She indicated that ECIC would like the Department of Community Health to be a part of providing mental health childcare providers.

- Put in place childcare quality improvement and rating system.

Report given by Larry Schweinhart. Discussed implementing a statewide system.

- Increase parenting education programming that promotes the *Protective Factors*, e.g. parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete support and healthy parent-child relationships.

Report given by Betsy Boggs. She emphasized the need to build strength in families and expressed the need to explore what is available at this time. A discussion regarding the next steps to take ensued. Judy Samelson stated that she would clarify this policy point and e-mail the board with more information.

- Implement Great Start Collaboratives state-wide.

Report given by Judy Samelson.

ECIC Policy Recommendations to the Governor/Legislature

Judy Samelson indicated that a new approach to working with the Governor and the Legislature needed to be taken during this strenuous fiscal year. A discussion ensued regarding the direction ECIC might take and innovative strategy that might be utilized. Judy Samelson indicated that this conversation is an ongoing and would need to continue.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairperson Broman declared the meeting to be adjourned at 3:15 p.m. Members stayed on the line for the Corporate Board Meeting.

*Please note that the date for the next meeting is **NOT** on February 13th as stated in the agenda. The correct date for the next meeting is February 11th, 2009.