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Meeting Minutes - Approved EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION BOARD

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

8:00 AM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL120 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Lynn E. Edlefsen; Bev A. Willer; Joanne R. Parker; Brenda K. Konkel;
Michael B. Jacob; Patricia A. Lasky and Joanne E. Brown

Excused: 3 -

Kathleen B. Raschke; Tracy K. Kuczynski and Richard C. Schultz

Staff Present: Jolene Ibeling, Lois Evenson, Monica Host, Enis Ragland, Connie Williams, Becky Schesny

Brown called the meeting to order 8:15 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lasky moved and Edlefsen seconded a motion to approve the May 28, 2008 minutes. Motion passed by voice vote with Konkel abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Afi Lake is a school-age program staff member for the Wexford Ridge Neighborhood Center. She commented that the school-age program currently operates in a small space, a converted 2-bedroom apartment unit. The existing space is insufficient in accommodating program activities and needs of children served. She urges the Board to fund the expansion request.

Paul Terranova is the Executive Director of the Wexford Ridge Neighborhood Center. He commented that the center and the school-age program will be moving to the Lussier Community Center with the goal of expanding the program by obtaining a license for the program to serve children under age 8. He urges the Board to fund the expansion request.

Daithi Wolfe from Bright and Early Public Education Campaign
After the Early Childhood Economic Development Summit a local leadership team has formed to address economic development/early childhood issues in the City and throughout Dane County. The mission is equal access to consistent quality early child care and education regardless of income.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [10615](#) ECCEB Member Update

Brown introduced the three new committee members, Bev Willer, Lynn Edlefson, and Joanna Parker. The group then introduced themselves providing brief bios.

2. [10959](#) Update from June 3, 2008 meeting with Mayor.

The Alders and Chairs from the respective committees met with staff and the Mayor on June 3, 2008 to discuss the budget for next year. The Mayor discussed the challenges he is facing in the upcoming budget such as levy limits, increased fuel costs, health insurance costs, wage increases, and increased capital budget. The Mayor will release budget instructions around July 10 or 11.

3. [10984](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement to fund a \$20,000 Daycare Center Rehabilitation Loan to Tenney Nursery and Parent Center, Inc. to fund the renovation of 1321 E. Mifflin Street.

Board of Estimates

Staff discussed Loan request of Tenney Nursery and Parent Center for the purpose of roof and pavement repairs to the facility. Tenney requested \$30,000 from the Community Services Office and staff recommend a \$20,000 loan with a 5-year payment plan at 4.75% interest. The fund has not been used since 2002. A balance of \$10,000 remains available for future loan requests.

A motion was made by Lasky to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement to fund a \$20,000 Daycare Center Rehabilitation Loan to Tenney Nursery and Parent Center, Inc. to fund the renovation of 1321 E. Mifflin. Edlefson seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

4. [10613](#) Declaration of Interest Forms- Announcements.

Board members were previously provided a list of agencies that applied for funding and asked to complete and submit declaration of interest forms, identifying any possible conflicts of interest. All members present submitted the forms.

5. [10960](#) Process for making funding recommendations

Jolene stated that 16 agencies are requesting funding for 28 programs this year. There are three new program requests and ten expansion or requests for more than COLA. This is 22% increase from the last funding cycle.

Jolene presented some ideas on the process for making funding decisions.

A handout organizing the funding requests by priority area was distributed to the group.

The 2008 allocation for Goodman Atwood may be incorrect. Staff will look into the matter and will confirm accurate 2008 allocation and 2009 request.

6. [10961](#)

2009-2010 Funding Discussion and Preliminary Recommendations for Program Area I

A motion was made by Edlefson to remove the Madison Children's Museum request for funding as it does not match any of the priority goals set forth by the Board. Lasky seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

The group agreed on remaining priority level assigned to each program.

The group began discussion regarding program funding requests and staff were available to answer questions.

Brown asked the group if any currently funded programs should no longer be funded? Staff recommended reviewing the 2007 service report summaries for each agency for overall program performance information.

Staff does not recommend the termination of any currently funded programs.

Brown asked if the Board recommends continued funding and COLA for existing programs?

Konkel commented that living wage increases and the COLA cause financial challenges for agencies in that the COLA increase is often applied to offset required salary increases instead of other necessary expenses. The living wage requirements also create wage compression in that salary of part-time and/or temporary staff continue to climb closer to more veteran full-time staff.

A motion was made by Jacob that agencies who receive continued funding will receive COLA. Parker seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Parker remove the Reconnecting Our Youth from consideration for funding. Edlefson seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Konkel suggested that for future funding cycles agencies be invited to come before the board to provide a presentation. Staff explained that agencies are informed via memo of preliminary recommendations and provide a notice of public hearings.

A motion was made by Edlefson to recommend Wexford receive no expansion funding in 2009, but would reconsider expansion funding in 2010. Parker seconded. Edlefson withdrew her motion after some discussion.

7. [10962](#)

ECCEB Subcommittee

The ECCEB Subcommittee will consist of Edlefson, Lasky, Parker, and Brown.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Edlefson to adjourn. Willer seconded.
Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.