



**Siouxland Human Investment Partnership (SHIP)
Board Meeting Minutes**

November 15, 2019

“Subject to Board Approval”

Siouxland Human Investment Partnership (SHIP) is the Early Childhood Iowa Board for Ida and Woodbury Counties, and the Decategorization Board for Woodbury County. The minutes document the transactions of the Board in their fulfillment of these roles and where possible, the minutes reflect the actions of the Board specific to their respective roles.

Present: Patti Andrews, Dr. Kim Buryanek, Jeff Hackett, Mark Monson, Gary Niles, Pastor Neil Wehmas

Absent: Suzanne Allen, Amy Bloch, Tom Bouska, Dr. Paul Gausman, Charlotte Gorter, Rex Mueller, Alison Polley, Keith Radig, Barb Small, Denise Winter

Phone: Erica DeLeon, Brenna Franken, Jim Gobell, Sally Hartley, Tim Kacena, Karen Mackey, Shelia Martin, Pastor Senstad

Staff: Matt Ohman, Kelsey Schomaker, Erin Binneboese, Kerri Hall, Nancy Keairns, Kim Jenkins

Absent: JoAnn Gieselman

Guests: Dick Sievers & Rebecca Hungate

Board Education – Mid-Sioux Opportunity – Ida County ECI programs

Ida County Preschool has been holding classes 8:30 am to 12:30 pm since Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Classes are held Mondays through Thursdays. One half of the preschool funding is provided by ECI. Currently there are 8 Head Start children and 7 SHIP children for a total of 15 which consist of 6 boys and 9 girls, four of them 4 years old and 11 are 3 years old.

Ten families are at or below 130% poverty and five families are above the 130% poverty level. Seven children are from single parent households, seven from two parent households and one is in foster care.

All children are up to date with immunizations and have current physicals.

Business Investment Program offers incentives to encourage expansion on childcare.

Ida County was awarded \$15,000 to support area childcare providers. Out of 18 applications 16 providers were awarded funds. The application funding process is broken down as follows:

- Licensed Center (up to \$1000)
- Registered Child Development Home (up to \$500)
- Nonregistered Child Care Home (up to \$500)
- Startup Licensed Center (up to \$2000)
- Startup Home (up to \$500)

Dollars are used to improve services, supplies, and safety equipment. Applications are reviewed on a first come first serve basis and scored on a point system.

1. Call to Order Mark Monson

2. Action Items Mark Monson

A. Consensus Agenda

- o SHIP Board Minutes – 10-18-19
- o SHIP Bank Activity – October 2019
- o SHIP Consolidated Financials – 9-30-19
- o Committee Reports:
 - o Exec Com. Minutes – 10-18-19

Erica DeLeon suggested a change to the Community Resource Center paragraph in the Executive minutes.

Gary Niles motioned to accept the Consensus Agenda- Executive Comm. Minutes with noted changes

Jeff Hackett	2nd	Motion carried	
Number of Present Voting SHIP Board Members	Yes 6	No 0	
Number of Voting SHIP Board Members via Phone	Yes 8	No 0	

Gary Niles motioned to accept the Consensus Agenda

Patti Andrews	2nd	Motion carried	
Number of Present Voting SHIP Board Members	Yes 6	No 0	
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3. Discussion Items

a) Director’s Report Matt Ohman

Director’s Report November 2019

Tri-State Governor's Conference

On Monday, October 21st, Erin, Kerri, JoAnn and I attended the Tri-State Governor's conference in Dakota Dunes. One of the most exciting presentations was by the superintendents of the Sioux City Schools, South Sioux City Schools and Dakota Valley. The Schools proposed a tri-state partnership so that Siouxland students can all utilize the Career Academy and the trade programs that South Sioux and North Sioux have developed.

Frank LaMere Park dedication

On Friday November 1st, the SHIP staff endured chilly weather to attend a park dedication for Frank LaMere at the new Frank LaMere Park in SSC, near Flatwater Crossing. SHIP Board member Karen Mackey said a few words, as well as Manape LaMere and many others. SHIP is proud to continue to celebrate Frank's legacy in our community.

Leadership Siouxland non-profit session

On Thursday, November 7th, I represented SHIP at the Leadership Siouxland non-profit session at Camp Goodwill. Participants in this year's Leadership Siouxland class split into groups and met with community non-profits to help determine what projects they want to do in the spring. Beyond the Bell also had a table at this event, and Anna Bertrand of Sky Ranch was in coordinating the event as a Leadership Siouxland Board member. Even if we don't get picked for a project, I spoke with many people, all members of the business community, and helped to broaden awareness of SHIP and its programs.

Chamber of Commerce meeting

On November 8th, I was asked to attend a meeting at the Chamber. The Chamber is finalizing its legislative priorities for this legislative session. I suggested they add a priority around the need for child care and support for the business/child care partnership that has formed in Siouxland. I drafted the legislative language with the help of Kerri, Dawn Oliver of Iowa Women's Foundation and Heather Hennings. The Chamber Board will meet next week to make any changes. I have been asked to continue to attend the Chamber's meetings.

Rotary Presentation

I presented about SHIP to the Rotary Club on November 11th. I was pleased that 75% of those in attendance had already heard of SHIP, which is not typically the case! Many people commented afterwards that while they knew about SHIP, they didn't know all that SHIP is involved in – building awareness is the purpose of these presentations, so this is always good to hear!

SHIP Board member lunches

This past month I met with SHIP Board members Suzanne Allen, Chief Rex Mueller and Barbara Small.

b) Siouxland Street Project Update

Matt Ohman

Siouxland Street Project will hold a meeting with the Faith Community next Wednesday, November 20th at NWAEA room B at 11:30am. All area churches have been invited to attend to share the needs of the homeless community. Lunch will be provided.

Matt shared the continued effort with the Street Project legislation that was passed by both the House and the Senate. The Senate, however, removed Sioux City and Siouxland Human Investment Partnership from the original language. Indian Health

Services claim the 2 million dollars in the legislation language is existing dollars. Matt and Erin continue to work with Congressman King's office to clarify.

c) Finance Report
Finance Update

Kelsey Schomaker

Annual Audit Preparation: Hamilton & Associates is scheduled to complete their annual review of our financial statements beginning in December. Hamilton & Associates will be working remotely December 3rd-6th and finishing with on-site review December 9th-11th. This is SHIP's third and final year with Hamilton & Associates. We will be putting out a RFP in the coming months for our next fiscal year end.

21st Century Iowa Grant Reporting: All Iowa 21st Century Grant reporting has transitioned to Iowa Grants and all online reporting. The change in reporting platform has brought its challenges and barriers. Each grant cohort must be reported separately for financial and programmatic updates. Nancy and I have been working very closely with Beyond the Bell staff to confirm we meet the necessary deadlines for reporting.

Beyond the Bell: After analyzing the 2019 summer figures, it was determined that programming was profitable. Planning meetings are already occurring for the 2020 summer program that will take place at the Morningside, Liberty, and Perry Creek Elementary Schools. Current planning meetings have been discussing price rates, payment schedules, numbers of children to serve, locations, and many other things. We have also been exploring options to serve middle school children. Middle school kids were not served last summer after those kids served were no longer covered under 21st Century federal grant funding. We continue to address the barriers that our program faces, and we are actively seeking alternatives and solutions.

MIECHV Grant: Our MIECHV grant funding just completed another fiscal year end as of September 30, 2019. We are currently in a five-month contract extension ending February 29, 2020. During this time, SHIP will continue to serve as the contract administrator. Moving forward for other funding renewals, SHIP will no longer pursue the MIECHV grants. The future contract administrator is still to be determined; however, one of the current sub-contractors will step forward to continue serving this community.

Sky Ranch: The Sky Ranch Foundation has planned one of their semi-annual visits to occur on December 9th and 10th. During this time, the Foundation will meet with the contract service providers as well as the SHIP administrative team. Sky Ranch will continue to move forward to seek its own 501(c)(3) status and become a direct provider for substance abuse and potentially behavior health services.

Auditors will be in the SHIP office December 9-11th. New RFP for auditors is due out this year. A draft will be presented to the Board by January.

Gary Niles – left 12:45pm

d) Memorial March 2019

Kim Jenkins

The 1st Memorial March to Honor Lost Children was held in 2003 and was organized by Frank LaMere and Judy Yellowbank. It is essentially a protest against DHS due to the children that died while in foster care. Also, it was about the Department's practice of removing and adopting out Native children and placing them with non-native families.

In 2004 the Minority Youth and Family Initiative was funded in the State of Iowa and by 2005 Woodbury County DHS developed their own Native American Specific Child Welfare Unit. The Annie E. Casey Foundation offered technical assistance and helped form what would become the Community Initiative for Native Children and Families (CINCF).

Over the years, Frank LaMere of Four Directions worked tirelessly to form collaborative relationships with several Siouxland social service agencies. Many members of the CINCF committee collaborate to make the March a meaningful event that encourages families to get well and strive for reunification with their children. The March has become a 3-day event offering many cultural and educational opportunities. It ends with a peaceful, prayerful March reflecting on the past while maintaining the resolve to continue the work into the future.

e) ECI Director's Meeting update

Kerri Hall

Early Childhood Iowa held the Statewide Director's Meeting in Newton Iowa on October 23, 2019. Dr. Heather Rouse from Iowa State Extension did a deep data dive into the ECI needs assessment and strategic plan. Shanell Wagler and Amanda Winslow will attend the SHIP December Board Meeting to present this data.

Other topics covered were the Preschool Development Grant Renewal, Children's Behavioral Health Systems Board, Updates on the Statewide Performance Measures, State Level Professional Development Funds, discussion on One Voice Marketing – ECI Logo/Brand Book, Public Private Partnership, FY21 Budget Process/Cycle, update on Family First Act and ECI Steering Committee.

The Association for ECI Area Boards convened after the ECI state board meeting and voted in their officers.

f) Grade Level Reading conference update

Kerri Hall

Sioux City and the 0-3: Prime Age to Engage initiative were recognized with several awards including a Pacesetter Award – specifically for use of data collection, use of the online Grade Level Reading platform, and collaboration due to over 70 local agencies' involvement in 0-3! Dr. Buryanek, Matt and Kerri attended and all 3 presented on panels. They were also able to network with other communities doing this work. Interestingly, many other communities do not have solid relationships with or

involvement from their School Districts, and many of the other communities have lots of funding to drive their initiative – it was nice to have the validation that in Sioux City, we have built a solid initiative with very little funding, driven and championed by the Sioux City Schools.

g) Beyond the Bell fundraisers

Matt Ohman

BTB is selling Jumpy Monkey coffee – Board members are encouraged to purchase for the holidays.

Both BTB and Sky Ranch Behavioral Services will be selling Dakota Meats (by Empirical) as a holiday fundraiser. More information and links will be sent out to Board members next week.

4. Future Agenda Items

Shanell Wagner and Amanda Winslow of Early Childhood Iowa will present at SHIP's December 20th Board meeting.

5. Communications and Other Audiences

Board member Patti Andrews was presented with a plaque and was recognized for her years of service as a SHIP Board member and in Public Health for her community in Ida County. Patti is retiring in December and she and her husband will be moving to Kansas City to be near family. Patti will be exiting the SHIP Board, but will stay in touch and thanked the Board and staff for their commitment to Ida County Early Childhood.

6. Adjournment

Upcoming SHIP Board meetings:

Friday, December 20, 2019

Executive Committee 11:00 AM – Northwest AEA, Room F

Board of Directors 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM – Northwest AEA Room G