



**Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council
Via Zoom
May 21, 2021**



Chairperson Tina Schumacher called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

Members Present:

Angila Mosley, Kayla Pike, Tina Schumacher.

Staff Present

Tricia Grifka, Early Childhood Services Director

Members Excused:

Amy White

Members Absent:

Sarah Achorn, Cynthia Frazer, Daisi Keegan, Jessica Mulrath, Kelsey Verbeek, Jessica Volmering, Deon Wickman.

Member Amanda Weaver resigned May 6 due to obtaining a full-time job and not being able to attend meetings anymore. We all wish her well.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Angila Mosley made a motion to approve April's meeting minutes. Kayla Pike seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

NEMCSA Board Report

The Board held a Virtual "TEAMS" meeting on May 7. Tricia reviewed highlights from the meeting.

The next Board meeting will be held June 4th via Teams.

Delegate Policy Committee - Mid Michigan Community Action Agency (MMCAA)

April meeting minutes were reviewed by members. Tina Schumacher made a motion to accept and file Mid Michigan's minutes. Kayla Pike seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Workgroup Updates

Transition: Angila Mosley attended the meeting and reported that a lot of things that were suggested by the group have already been implemented or are in the works.

Natural Playgrounds: Angila Mosley attended and said the workgroup sponsored a photo contest of our natural playgrounds. There were 7 entries. Indian River 1 and 2 won two \$500 prizes to enhance their outdoor play space. The rest of the entries won \$200 each for the same purpose. The workgroup is making a list of recommended items for all classrooms such as sunglasses, water bottles, etc.

Information and/or Discussion Items

ACF-PI-HS-21-04 was discussed with members. Comments and suggestions were:

- A lot of parents are "iffy" about returning to school this Fall.

- Recruitment should emphasize making friends, social interaction for kids.
- A lot of kids didn't get much out of virtual programming.
- Parents see children blossoming as we returned to in-person services.
- Over-income families is a big issue – not many eligible
- Recruitment should address parents' fears, show cleaning/sanitizing procedures.
- More parents say they are planning to homeschool next year.
- Recruitment packets to Board, PC, staff members.
- Social media is very important; make sure dates and info are up-to-date.
- Recruit at parks, festivals, campgrounds. Do a fun activity to draw kids in.

Head Start/Early Head Start Financial Report

The Head Start/Early Head Start Budget Report for the grant period Feb 1, 2021 – Jan 31, 2022 was reviewed with members.

Action Items

Approval of New Hires/Terminations

Tina Schumacher read the list of new hires and terminations for the period 3/7/21 to 4/3/21. Amanda Weaver made a motion to approve. Kayla Pike seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

New Business/Sharing/Bluesheets

There was no new business.

Next meeting will be Friday, June 25, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am and end at approximately 12:00 pm. Contact Tricia Grifka at GrifkaT@nemcsa.org with questions.

Tina Schumacher made a motion to adjourn. Angila Mosley seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Approved by: _____ **Title:** _____ **Date:** _____