



Board Meeting
August 16, 2013

Board Members Present: Danny Varat, Julie Hartman, Melissa Roper, Susan Kear, Stacey Peek, Keith Frazier, Cynthia Sosebee,
(Call-ins) Stephanie Knobel, Melissa Starker, Nancy Powers, Karen Allen, Linda Brees, Stacy Burr, Lorraine De Jong
Staff Present: Derek Lewis, Leslie Latimer, Beth Jamieson

Meeting called to order: 1:01pm

Julie Hartman brought up the website development for rural counties that was one of the proposed funding commitments. She shared concerns about us being tied to the rural counties this way if we are to begin as an independent entity. Are we doing the work for them? **Danny Varat** suggested that we make it matching dollars for the rural counties. Can it be contingent on local matches to help show their commitment? Approved with that caveat attached.

Julie Hartman asked if we could turn the Family Literacy Project into a grant? There may be a teacher ed. program that has good ideas and good connections to the community? This may help a program do something that they have been wanting to do that they don't have money for.

Childcare and GCCA Website Development: Project concept was approved but a proposal needs to be presented at the next board meeting.

Lorraine DeJong brought up the Reggio "Wonder of Learning" exhibit and professional development and who would choose who was trained. The \$10,000 was a match to the UW dollars. The centers will be chosen through FS (our centers) and UW (area of interest). There are around 30 centers identified. This also helps support the GCCA conference.

Danny Varat brought up the Nicholtown CDC Consultant. His issue is the reasoning why there is not a CDC in Nicholtown. Why are we paying \$50,000 (in conjunction with UW and JLG) to someone to tell us what we already know. Keith Frazier wants to know what the real purpose is. Derek said that it ensures buy in from all funding channels. What are some CDCs that we can model for that area? Last look: 600 children under the age of 5 in that community. Part of the study is to determine the need and to decide who is going to pay for it. **Linda Brees** brought up the feasibility

study that was performed by i(c)s. **Derek** wanted the board to know that these are matching dollars, not something that we took the lead on (UW lead project). **Danny** requested additional information be sent to the board. **Keith Frazier** made a motion, **Stacey Peek** seconded. The motion passed with a vote.

Danny Varat suggested that we go into Executive Session and asked the staff to leave. **Melissa Roper** made a motion to approve all funding requests, **Julie Hartman** seconded. The motion passed with a vote.