

MINUTES

Attendees: Carol Steen, Kit Cramer, Mark Taft, Martin Moore, Pam Holcombe, Philip Belcher, Maia Sloan, Al Whitesides, Heather Zanzig (virtual), Leslie Anderson (virtual), Linda McDaniel (virtual), Diana Anthony (virtual)

Absent: Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Mistie Reising-Cogbill, Susan Mims

Staff in attendance: Rachael Sawyer, Sara Joss, Angelyn Johnson, Matthew Baker, Burnett Walz, Angelica Tyler

Welcome

Minutes

- Approval of minutes from April 16, 2024
 - Motion to approve by Al Whitesides. Seconded by Mark Taft. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

New Business

- FY25 Process Review
 - What went well
 - Thank you to all committee members who spent time and effort on thoughtfully reading, evaluating, and recommending project proposals for funding.
 - Areas for improvement
 - How to handle multi-year grants
 - Balancing of factors the committee tries to advance
 - Need for parameters to accurately reflect ECE funding priorities
 - Helpful to have a 5-year plan for the fund while being responsive to factors that arise at the national, state, and local levels
 - Push for state-wide advocacy
 - Ways to respond to big news or center status changes
- Strategic Planning
 - Presentation on 2030 County Strategic Plan process from Strategy & Innovation - Matthew Baker & Burnett Walz
 - Early adoption of plan is currently slated for mid-November 2024.
 - Education Development Areas:
 - Enhance Early Learning: Providing Pre-K support
 - Strengthen Pathways to Adulthood: Enhance opportunities for career pathing
 - Support Adult Learning: Adult literacy and life-long learning
 - Holistically Improve Equity in Education: Improve outcomes across demographic groups

- Funding Philosophy
 - This will be moved to the August meeting.
- Committee Membership
 - Thank you to the members exiting the committee
 - Kit Cramer
 - Leslie Anderson
 - Mistie Reising-Cogbill
 - Philip Belcher
 - Susan Mims
 - Recruiting for these roles:
 - Business Community or Economic Development Professional
 - Community/At-Large
 - Funder or Community Investment Professional
 - Professor or Higher Education Professional
 - Pediatrician or Medical Professional in service to young children
- Meeting Schedule
 - No meeting in July due to holiday
 - August meeting will be focused on funding philosophy/annual roadmap for FY25.

Announcements

Public Comment

- Pepi Acebo and Amy Barry made public comments.

Next Meeting

There is no committee meeting in July. The next meeting is August 6, 2024, 1:00-2:30 pm, 200 College St, Ground Floor Conference Room