

Child Development Coordinating Council (CDCC) Minutes

June 30, 2025

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Voting Members Present: Kimberly Villotti, Tonya Krueger, Jessica Burger, Heather Rouse, Shelley Horak (joined at 10:26)

Voting Members Absent: Beth Van Meeteren

Non-Voting Members Present: Monica Garner, Ami Leath, Teri Orr

Non-Voting Members Absent: Sharon Burke

Staff to Council: Marianne Adams, Amy Stegeman

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item

Welcome and Roll Call

Chair Kimberly Villotti called the meeting to order, noting the Council did not have a quorum as of 10:03 a.m.

Public Comment

No members of the public were in attendance.

ACTION Item

Approval of Minutes

Kimberly Villotti asked members in attendance to review the May 22, 2025 meeting minutes and asked for any questions, comments or edits. Minutes were unable to be approved at the time due to a lack of quorum. This item will be moved to the September meeting agenda.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Grantee Requests to Change Program Standards

Recently, two requests from grantees have been submitted for CDCC consideration. Both are requesting approval to change program standards beginning in FY26 which requires Council voting action.

Requests were submitted by:

- Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.
- Nodaway Valley CSD

Kimberly Villotti noted in CDCC's past, some programs have changed program standards. During this process, they were required to submit waivers to the Council for approval.

The following Iowa Code excerpt applies to this situation:

64.33(3) Programs in renewal years.

c. Awarded grantees are to maintain the program standards identified in the awarded application throughout the five-year grant cycle, unless unforeseen circumstances occur. Such circumstances will be considered at the discretion of the Council.

Time was provided for Council members to review each of the submitted requests beginning with Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. Amy Stegeman noted the grantee has been using both NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) and Head Start Performance Standards. The grantee is now asking to only follow the Head Start Program Performance Standards. Jess Burger expressed support of this change. Tonya Krueger also supported the request due to it aligning with the code reference to 'unforeseen circumstances.'

Council members reviewed the request from Nodaway Valley CSD to move from NAEYC standards to IQPPS (Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards). Teri Orr noted approval of this stating IQPPS is a good quality measure. Ami Leath agreed and noted multiple schools have reached out as they want to change from NAEYC due to an increase in fees.

ACTION Item

Grantee Requests to Change Program Standards

Voting member Shelley Horak joined the meeting at 10:26 a.m. and the Council achieved a voting quorum. She was brought up to date on program requests and given time to review the letters in preparation of a vote.

Kimberly Villotti moved forward with a vote beginning with Mid-Sioux Opportunity Inc. moving to Head Start Program Performance Standards from NAEYC. A motion was made for approval by Jess Burger. It was seconded by Tonya Krueger. It was approved unanimously.

Kimberly then asked about Nodaway Valley CSD moving to IQPPS standards from NAEYC. A motion was made for approval by Heather Rouse. It was seconded by Tonya Krueger and approved unanimously.

Adjourn

Kimberly thanked the group for their flexibility and adjourned the meeting at 10:33 am.