

Child Development Coordinating Council (CDCC) Minutes

March 9, 2026

8:30 a.m. – 10:42 a.m.

Voting Members Present: Kimberly Villotti, Tonya Krueger, Dawn Mollenkopf, Shelley Horak, Heather Rouse

Voting Members Absent: Jess Burger, Cherie Cerveny

Non-Voting Members Present: Ami Leath

Non-Voting Members Absent: Sharon Burke, Teri Orr

Staff to Council: Marianne Adams, Monica Shuey, Amy Stegeman

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item

Welcome and Roll Call

CDCC Chair Tonya Krueger called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

PUBLIC Comment

No members of the public were present.

ACTION Item

Minutes for Jan. 13 and 22 meetings will be approved at the April 14 CDCC Meeting.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item

FY27 Shared Visions Preschool Applications

Tonya Krueger asked staff to review language in Iowa Code and Administrative Code for awarding grants. Marianne Adams gave a brief summary of the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Shared Visions Preschool Applications submitted. Staff then proposed award options, possible funding availability and state distribution of possible awards. Discussion followed.

ACTION Item

FY27 Shared Visions Preschool Grant Awards

Tonya Krueger said this action will accomplish the following for the FY27 Shared Visions Preschool Grant Award:

- Approval of FY27 Shared Visions Preschool grant awards.
- Advise the Department to notify successful applicants of grant awards and to proceed with contracts.

Tonya reminded CDCC members the award decisions made today by the CDCC will not be announced to recipients until March 23. Those applicants not funded will also be notified on this date.

Kimberly Villotti proposed the following motion to move forward awarding Shared Visions Preschool grants to be implemented on July 1:

- Potential awards at \$700,000 or higher would be funded at a seven percent reduction. Potential awards below \$699,999.99-\$402,000.00 would be funded with a six point five percent reduction. Potential awards below \$401,999.99-\$350,000.00 would be funded with a six percent reduction. Potential awards below \$349,999.99 would be funded with a one percent reduction. This leaves final calculations at -\$1,965.77 which would reduce the \$702,818.00 funding allocated to Parent Support to \$700,852.23. The number of proposed applications would be 21, which represent 44 sites and 92 sessions.

Dawn Mollenkopf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Shared Visions Preschool and Parent Support Programs

Marianne Adams offered an update on mid-year reports being received and reviewed. Kimberly Villotti reviewed grant funding cannot be carried forward from FY26 as this is the final fiscal year of the grant cycle. Funding must be utilized or returned to the Department. Marianne provided an update on the number of FY27 Parent Support applications currently in IowaGrants.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Member Updates

Shelley Horak provided an update on Early Childhood Iowa. Heather Rouse provided an update regarding a new data drive for Iowa's Integrated Data System for Decision Making. Heather then gave information regarding a new certificate for early childhood family policy at Iowa State University. Kimberly Villotti informed the group about vacancies in the Iowa Department of Education Bureau of Early Childhood, she also gave an update on the Iowa Early Learning Standards update progression and a legislative summary specific to early childhood.

Dawn Mollenkopf updated members on the University of Northern Iowa's REACH projects and scale-up grants. Tonya Krueger said the Child Health Speciality Clinics institute training cohort is occurring to help parents with advocacy. Monica Shuey said the Iowa Head Start Association (IHSA) Executive Director has accepted another position. She mentioned the IHSA Spring Conference being held April 15.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Connections with Stakeholders

Tonya Krueger encouraged the CDCC members to think about communication messages they want to share with their stakeholders. She also reminded the Council members about the need for confidentiality of the application process reviewed today due to the announcement date for FY27 Shared Visions Preschool awards on March 23.

Adjourn

Tonya Krueger thanked the group and adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.