

Child Development Coordinating Council (CDCC) Minutes

Jan. 13, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Voting Members Absent: Jessica Burger

Non-Voting Members Present: Teri Orr, Ami Leath

Non-Voting Members Absent: Sharon Burke

Staff to Council: Marianne Adams, Monica Shuey

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item

Welcome and Roll Call

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

ACTION ITEM

Nov. 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The group reviewed the Nov. 5, 2025, CDCC minutes. Dawn Mollenkopf made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Kimberly Villotti. The motion passed unanimously.

Nov. 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The group then reviewed the Nov. 13, 2025, CDCC minutes. Kimberly Villotti made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Heather Rouse. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Review Bylaws

Tonya Krueger shared during the September 9 meeting, the Bylaws were reviewed by the Council. This duty is outlined in Article III, section 2. *“The Council will review the adopted by-laws every two-years as the Council Chair changes.”* The Council reviewed the Bylaws on September 9 and had questions they asked CDCC staff to clarify. Marianne Adams has consulted with Department administration, which included the legal staff.

Marianne clarified adding more voting members to help with quorum and fulfilling leadership roles would not be a possibility.

- Membership is detailed in Iowa Code 256A. Adding more members cannot be addressed until there is a code change. To broaden the number of voting members would be contrary to code.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Staff Updates- Preschool and Parent Support Programs

Marianne Adams provided Shared Visions updates including third quarter payments to grantees have been approved. There is one grantee who had a reduction in payment for not providing services in November and December 2025. Mid-year reports are being collected from current preschool and parent support grantees. As of today, 40 organizations have applied for the FY27 Shared Visions Preschool Grant in IowaGrants.

GROUP UPDATES

ECI System/group participation

Shelley Horak provided an update on ECI and Support programs. Heather Rouse provided an update regarding data presented to the ECI Board this past Friday.

Member

Tonya Krueger gave an update on the University of Iowa Center of Disabilities and Development Autism Center. The Center has updated their website to help families access information as well as know what to expect when gaining evaluation/services.

Kimberly Villotti said the Department, Early Childhood Bureau, has two positions open. The Department is leading two revision efforts: IQPPS and IELS. The Early Childhood Bureau continues to offer Preschool Foundations professional development as well as Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) for preschool. In addition, GOLD Community of Practice sessions have been provided to preschool practitioners as well as administrators. Also, the legislative session started yesterday and the State of the State address is tonight.

Ami Leath said AEAs are actively involved in supporting the Shared Visions application. Some preschool programs transitioned to different program standards. AEAs continue to advocate for early childhood personnel within the system.

Teri Orr with CCR&R, is working on getting staff certified as coaches and mentors. This will provide more intensive support and formalize their processes to the early childhood field. CCR&R is advocating via events by helping legislators witness what is working and what is not working in child care programs. CCR&R is also increasing outreach in parent support areas including hospitals and libraries to connect in a variety of ways. CCR&R continues to gain information from child care so the C3 database is up-to-date and accurate.

Dawn Mollenkopf said since the last CDCC meeting, the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) has been on break. UNI staff will continue to work on undergraduate and graduate programs. Redesigned Early Childhood graduate programs and refined curriculum proposals will take place in the spring.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

March Meeting Date and Connections with Stakeholders

A new CDCC meeting is set for March 9. Tonya Krueger said this is to discuss FY27 Shared Visions Preschool Grants. Tonya asked members to consider connections.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

FY27 Grant Work

The Council then reviewed the FY27 Shared Visions Parent Support application.

Adjourn

Tonya Krueger thanked the group and adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.