

PALO ALTO & KOSSUTH COUNTIES



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

PAK Empowerment Board Membership Outcome Committee Meeting Minutes 9:00 Sept. 14th at AEA in Algona

Mission:

- * Provide developmentally appropriate learning experiences for all children age's birth to five.
- * Provide training support to parents and other caregivers of the birth to five populations.
- * Prepare children age birth to five with the skills needed to learn to be ready to take advantage of educational opportunities and learn to the best of their ability.

Committee Members Present

Ellen Picray

Erv Rowlands

Julie Runksmeier

Committee Members Absent

Others Present

Paige Hollinger

I. Administrative Items

- A.** Review job duties of Family Resource Coordinator – the committee reviewed the job duties of the Family Resource coordinator that are left unfulfilled under the resignation of Sara Curtis. Sara's primary responsibilities were to coordinate parent and preschool support.
- B.** Prioritize needs with Community Plan – After reviewing job duties, the committee prioritized which duties were the most important to fill according to our Community Plan priorities. Due to changes in requirements in parent education,(Family Support requirements) the committee decided group parent education may best be filled by the KIDS program instead of Growing Together. Instead we could provide family nights in collaboration with preschools under other services funding. The other priority was to oversee QPPS.
- C.** Form Plan – (see attached sheet for list of programs and recommended funding) The committee decided to recommend contracting with individuals to provide Family nights with preschools. Two at each preschool location (one targeted to preschool and the other targeted to younger children) Paige reported that she has contacted Denise Wasko and others for suggestions for someone to work with preschools. At this time she is the only one with the same training Sara had. The committee suggested for Paige to oversee QPPS and visit with preschools, but suggested that she contract with Sara Curtis for extra preschool support. Other suggestions for funding

included DHS checklist incentives, Record review supplies and materials, and
Preschool support mini-grants. (See attached sheet)

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