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# MINUTES

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EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL OF BENT, OTERO & CROWLEY COUNTIES

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March 2, 2017

## IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Voigts, Suzette Hall, Kidron Backes, Sharon Church, Ashley Paugh, Tami Stephenson, Molly Milusnic, Ana Herrera, Amy Deatherage, Crystal Redner, Judy Rusher, Andrea Martinez

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

**MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT:** Crystal Redner- Bent County Educational Fair

## READING OF THE BYLAWS

Members read through a revised draft of the Bylaws.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members were informed of the need to replace Nancy Harrington on the Board of Directors. Sharon Church nominated Ashley Paugh, who accepted the nomination. Tami Stephenson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, the motion passed with all in favor.

## MIECHV

Members were informed of scheduled Mental Health First Aid Courses to be funded by the MIECHV grant. A course to be provided for home visitors on April 10<sup>th</sup>. After discussion between attendees a course was scheduled to be provided for providers on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is also a plan to provide a separate training for CDS.

## EQIT

Andrea informed council of plan with state to provide an EQIT course for providers this spring. Crystal Redner reached out to providers to get a count of those interested in going through this course. Crystal informed council that she had 17 people wanting to take the course. Andrea informed council that Jo Koehn from state working to get a trainer from another area, possibly Denver to teach the course in our area.

## Qualistar

Andrea informed council of monthly phone call given by Qualistar to provide information about pending policy that will have an impact on Early Childhood in Colorado. Andrea to send out monthly reminder/invite for policy call.

## AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Voigts informed council that current Early Childhood Specialist at Southeast Health Group had put in her notice and there was an open position. She also informed council of her program hosting a family fun night on March 17<sup>th</sup> and spring break jam March 20-24<sup>th</sup>.