

## **Name of Group: Resources and Funding**

**Date: September 12, 2006**

### **Responsibility of Group:**

- Provide the core stakeholders with an annual plan to seek funding to expand and better fund a unified system of early care, health and education
- Partner with other entities in seeking funding to expand and more adequately fund prioritized activities of the Early Childhood Iowa network.

### **Current Activities:**

- This component work group is taking a lead on taking Iowa through a process to conduct a fiscal and policy analysis; we are reviewing current work conducting through the Youth Development Collaboration to review existing funding streams. A sub-group has been formed to continue to work on this undertaking.
  - The Fiscal and Policy Group has had its initial meeting and determined next steps in moving forward with the analysis. More information will be provided in December, 2006.
- The component work group is conducting an in-depth review to determine if Early Childhood Iowa should be working towards becoming a not-for-profit entity 501(c) 3. In August, we conducted a meeting with North Carolina's Partnership for Children. Notes are available on the ECI Web site.
- Because of workload responsibilities, Mark Draper will no longer be able to serve as co-chair of this component work group. Shanell Wagler will be joining Sue Donielson as a co-chair, representing the government half of this component group.

### **Past Accomplishments:**

- Additional funding into the early childhood system for FY 2006 and FY 2007.

### **Future Plans:**

- Move forward on the Fiscal and Policy Analysis; be prepared to share information to public in September 2007
- Continue to make steps to making a decision regarding the incorporation of Early Childhood Iowa.