



Responsibilities of Iowa Empowerment Board Members

Legal Responsibilities

- Promote collaboration among state and local education, health and human service programs.
- Coordinate with State Empowerment Technical Assistance Team to make recommendations to Governor on early childhood proposals.
- Adopt guidance for community empowerment in Iowa which shall include a process to request a plan of action from the CEA regarding progress toward desired results.
- Coordinate with Community Empowerment Facilitator to submit to the Governor and General Assembly, Annual Report including CEA funding.
- Establish rules and policies related to Community Empowerment Areas' designation and community plan.
- Authority to designate local empowerment areas.
- Provide input in the rules adoption process for Chapter 17A on performance indicators for CEA, minimum standards for equal access to services, and core functions for home visitation, parent support, and preschool services.
- Shall appoint advisory councils as necessary.
- Make recommendation to CEA in linking with child welfare and juvenile justice decategorization projects.
- Disclose conflicts of interest.
- Make recommendations to Governor and General Assembly on the following:
 - Coordination and/or merging of overlapping boards, committees, and councils
 - With extensive community input, develop and annually update five year plan for blending, consolidating, or redistributing state administered funds for children 0-5 years.
 - With extensive community input, develop and annually update ten year plan for blending, consolidating, or redistributing state administered funds for other age groups.

Fiscal Responsibilities

- Manage and coordinate the provision of grant funds and other monies available to Community Empowerment Areas.
- Funds shall not be used for any purposes precluded by federal law. The IEB may establish additional limitations on the use of funds.
- Coordinate and respond to Community Empowerment Areas on the following:
 - Waivers for existing rules, federal regulations, and amendment of state laws.
 - Pooling or redirecting of existing federal, state or other public or private funds.
 - Seeking federal waivers.
 - Guidelines for insurance and liability coverage and issues.

Individual Responsibilities

- Terms of office for citizen members are three years.
- A board member shall serve no more than two terms.
- Citizen members are deemed to have resigned if they do not attend three consecutive meetings.
- Citizen members are deemed to have resigned if they attend less than one-half of the regular meetings within any period of twelve calendar months, beginning July 1 or January 1.
- Board officers are elected by the voting members of the board.
- Officers shall be elected for a two-year term.