

**Sauk Valley Community College  
December 16, 2024**

**Agenda Item 4.1.2**

**Topic:**                   **Assisting Open Sesame**

**Strategic Direction:** **Workforce Development – Sauk Valley Community College meets the workforce needs of the region through effective and responsive programming and services for all learners.**

**Presented By:**       **Dr. David Hellmich, Dr. Jon Mandrell, and Kent Sorenson**

**Presentation:**

In September, the College became aware of several challenges facing Open Sesame Child Care Center in Dixon that included financial struggles, facility issues, and board vacancies. In response, several community members, including SVCC employees, quickly stepped in to support the center, which serves nearly 200 children throughout the area. Sauk Valley Community College has played an integral role in helping Open Sesame forge a new path forward, and College employees involved will be recognized for their efforts.