

**Dallas County Early Childhood Committee**

**Minutes/Notes**

**February 13, 2013**

**28059 Fairgrounds Road**

**Adel, Iowa 50003**

**1:00**

**Attendance**

Myra Willms, Peggy Stecklein, Jovanka Westbrook, Tammy Engebretson, Jennifer Downs, Chris Lee, Leslie Stonehocker Val Cameron, Bobbi Baxter, Lyndsay Marron, and Debra Schrader.

**Announcements and Information Sharing**

**Legislative update** - An updated legislative contact page was disseminated. Information from the Child and Family Policy Center was disseminated. An update on current legislative matters was shared. Dallas County Public Health will be presenting Health Navigation at the Health and Human Services committee at the capital this month.

**Community Survey** – The 4 R Kids ECI Board is in the process of conducting a community impact survey. It can be completed online or by hard copy. The drop location for hard copies is Dallas County ISU Extension.

**Fiscal Assessment** – An in-depth fiscal assessment is required to be completed as part of the community plan. The fiscal assessment asks questions to agencies that serve the 0-5 population, funding, sources, numbers served are part of the questions. The information was emailed in January and was asked to be completed January 24, 2013.

**Marketing-** The 4 R Kids Board members are planning a Toddlerfest as a marketing event, hopefully sometime in the spring.

**Dallas County Child Advocacy Council** - Dallas County has a prevent child abuse council and they are looking for interested persons that would like to be involved. They are in the process of writing a child abuse prevention grant. For more information contact Stephanie Heitman, council president.

**Dallas County EC Resources** - An early childhood resource document was disseminated and minor changes made, this will be available on the 4 R Kids website at [www.4rkids-eci.org](http://www.4rkids-eci.org).

**County offices** - Information was shared that Dallas County may be moving some of the county offices to east of Adel.

**I-Smiles** - The I-smiles coordinator resigned from New Opportunities and they will be filling the position soon. Also, the dental board has concerns of dental hygienists conducting dental screenings in preschool settings and may try to overturn the rule.

**Lead screenings** - Lead screenings were discussed and New Opportunities administers the grant for lead.

**Hand washing** - There is updated information from the Department of Public Health regarding hand washing in regards to bleach.

**Free Phones** - Income eligible families can receive free phones with 250 free minutes monthly through Creative Visions. For more information contact 515-243-4003.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15. The next meeting will be May 15, 2013 at the Dallas County Extension office.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, Executive Director 4 R Kids ECI Area