

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

January 23, 2014

28059 Fairgrounds Road

Adel, Iowa 50003

9:45 A.M.

Attendance

Debb Franz, Lisa Mickelson, Ann Cochran, Michelle Greenough, Leslie Stonehocker, Janelle Peiffer, Myra Willms, Paula Klocke, Peg Dohrer, Linda Lemons, Jenny Felt, Tonya Weber, Christina Schalk, Ashleigh Wiederin, Jennifer Walters, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information Sharing

Group Parent Education Classes - ISU Extension is offering Together We Can starting February 6, 214 in Indianola and in Winterset starting February 5, 2014. Great Beginnings will start in Perry February 24, 2014.

Data - Deb shared data information on Medicaid, food assistance, FIP, and foster care. You can contact the state Library of Iowa at www.iowadacenter.org or contact Gary Krob at 800-248-4483 for data needs. In FY2013 for Medicaid there were 5,318 recipients that equaled \$42,906,872 annual benefits; in FY2013 for food assistance there were 4,413 recipients equaling \$5,875,294; for FY2011 for Foster Care there were 155 children in foster care, and FY2010 there were 134 and FY2009 there were 97; for FY2013 FIP there were 227 recipients with the average payment of \$133.

4 R Kids Update - The Board still has 2 board positions open. Boards are to adhere to gender balance and are required to show good faith effort. Currently the board can have as many as 12 and as little as 8 members.

Dallas County Early Childhood Resources - The resource document was reviewed and changes will be made. Once the changes are made the document will be brought back to the group. The document is currently located at www.4rkids-eci.org.

Dallas County Family Support Rubric- A resource guide with family support programs has been drafted and it also has scenarios to help agencies and others appropriately refer.

Dallas County ACES Project - A technical assistance grant from Prevent Child Abuse Iowa was awarded to the Dallas County Mental Health workgroup. The grant provides no funding, but assistance in gathering readiness data regarding child abuse prevention efforts in relationship to Adverse Childhood Experiences. Those on the team are Debb Franz, Deb Schrader, Linda Lemons, and Dena Owens. A community readiness model has been utilized that entails calling identified respondents and conducting a survey over the phone. In addition to this grant, the Mental Health Workgroup has also received funding from the BOCK Foundation and 4 R Kids, (with pending funding from DCAT) to implement an ACES tool kit.

Day on the Hill - February 27, 2014 is Early Childhood day on the Hill. There will be Cookies and Conversations in rotunda from 12:00-1:00 where legislators have been invited.

Toddlerfest - The first ever Dallas County Toddlerfest is April 12, 2014 at the Dallas County Fairgrounds. This will be a resource fair along with activities for children ages 2-5.

1st Five - New Opportunities provided information regarding the Iowa Child Health and Development Record questionnaire that is utilized by doctors at child exams. More information can be found at the Care for Kids website www.iowaepsdt.org/?page_id=77

Meeting adjourned at 10:45. The next meeting will be February 27, 2014 at 9:45 A.M. at the Dallas County Extension office.

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