

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

October 23, 2013

28059 Fairgrounds Road

Adel, Iowa 50003

1:00

Attendance

Summer Parrott, Krena Rameriez, Michelle Greenough, Kristi Wellendorf, Tina Gordinar, Colleen Theis, Debb Franz, Myra Willms, Chris Lee, Janelle Pfeifer, Shelly, Horvak, Val Cameron, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information Sharing

Preschool Enrichment project - Val reported there are 2 children in Adel that are utilizing the transportation assistance through ECI. There is no transportation offered by the Public Transit agency in Perry. Preschool scholarships have increased over last year.

Play Experience - The Play experience is November 2 from 8:30-12 at the Living Faith Lutheran Church in Clive.

Preschool Experience rate - 4 R Kids is in the process of collecting the preschool experience rate data and will have that at the next meeting. At this time Waukee has a preschool experience rate of 76.9% and Dallas Center Grimes 75.0%. The goal is to have 90%.

1st Five - New Opportunities has been awarded a 1st Five grant from the Department of Public Health. New Opportunities will be asked to present at the next meeting.

4 R Kids Board - The board is seeking board members for Dallas and Madison County and are in need of a faith representative. Shelly and Michelle indicated they may know someone that would be interested in serving.

Levels of Excellence - the 4 R Kids ECI area board will be submitting materials for the levels of excellence process and will submit in December with hopes of achieving Model status. April 17, 2014 is the day that has been selected at the Adel Library. Draft community partner questions were reviewed.

ACES - Dallas County has been awarded a technical assistance grant from Prevent Child Abuse Iowa. The TA will assist Dallas County in engaging the community around Adverse Childhood Experiences. Additionally, Dallas County has been awarded funding from the Bock Foundation along with matching funds from DCCAC and 4 R Kids to provide for an educational tool kit and marking plan for ACES.

Early Head Start - Summer Parrott provided a presentation on Early Head Start home visitation services. Currently, they are serving 12 Dallas county families and have a wait list.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15. The next meeting will be December 18, 2013 at the Dallas County Extension office. The January meeting will be in collaboration with DCCAC starting January 23, 2014. The location is yet to be determined for January.

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