

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes

Lutheran Church of Hope Waukee
305 N.E. Dartmoor
Waukee, Iowa 50263
10:30 -12:00
Wednesday October 25, 2017

Attendance and Introductions

Joy Greer, Debb Franz, Liz Welder, Myra Willms, Ann Cochran, Karen Nelson, Samra Hiros, Christina Schalk, Dena Owens, Karen Goff, Peg Ragner, Coleen Theis, Brandi Hadler, Hannah Vander Kopsa, Nikki Kinkennon-Betts, Devon Strief, Kristin Millhollin, McKenzie Parker, Laura Lentel, Jeff Jackson, Michelle Greenough, and Debra Schrader.

Agency Sharing

- Strengthening Families classes will start Nov 6 - December 18 from 6:00-8:00 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Perry, contact Dallas County Extension for more information.
- Head Start has moved in Waukee to the old Farm Bureau building and have open slots. There are 2 classes from 8:00-2:30 and take up to 34 children.
- [Freedom from Smoking](#) training will be November 2, 2017 from 8:00-4:00, cost is \$350.
- CIAC has a car show and was a great success. CIAC is organizing an adopt a family project for Christmas, contact Megan at 515-993-4095.
- Dallas County Public and LSI have completed 6 dual home visits together and are working collaboratively together for continuum of care.
- FaDDS noted that FIP cases are down it may be due to the closing of Promise Jobs locations.
- Balanced Living classes will be October 10-November 7 from 6:30-7:30 at the Waukee YMCA, contact Dallas County Extension for more information.
- Overdose education training will be November 28, 2017 from 9:00 - 3:30 at the Holiday Inn Airport in Des Moines.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4 R Kids ECI Area board is working on advocacy events and the ask is to not forget about early childhood when talking about education.
- The 5-2-1-0 initiative is a collaborative project between United Way of Central Iowa and IDPH, 5 stands for eating 5 fruits and vegetables a day, limit screen time to 2 hours or less a day, get 1 hour or more of physical activity a day, and consume 0 sugar drinks a day. The initiative is slated to go live on 10/31/17.
- Attendees were requested to provide input into an assessment utilizing the ECI required service types. Each agency was allowed to complete one assessment. This information may be used in the 4 R Kids ECI community plan as well as help guide priorities.
- CRRR provided information about child care in Dallas County, families with all parents working and children under age 6 is 72%, the cost of an infant in a registered home is \$161 a month and a center is 218. It was noted in Iowa there has been a 40% decrease in the number programs accepting DHS child care assistance.
- Samra Hiros provided an action plan update for the American Lung Association for the Dallas County service area. The American Lung Association continues to work with daycares, worksites and multi-unit housing organizations towards policies. If you know a business or daycare that is interested in a comprehensive tobacco-free/nicotine-free policy, have them reach out to Samra Hiros or call the American Lung Association. An update was given on Synar compliance checks in Dallas County and which retailers failed the compliance checks. Samra also talked about the percentage of pharmacies in Dallas also selling tobacco products.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- Joy Greer provided noted that the quarterly report has been submitted to PCA.
- It was noted that there are challenges with getting parents engaged in group parent education classes. The Coalition brainstormed ideas how to increase numbers. Crisis Intervention & Advocacy may be able to offer some assistance.
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Generation Wellness Update/Information

- Generation Wellness held strategic planning meeting at Patrick's October 3, 2017 from 11:30-1:00 and has drafted a strategic plan.
- Dena Owens participated in focus group to provide input regarding child abuse and how DHS policies impact at the local level, a report is to be released with recommendations by the end of the year.
- A training for new Generation Wellness members will be put together, additionally if anyone wants to be a part of Generation Wellness contact Dena Owens at denarowens@gmail.com. The group will be meeting by conference call on a regular basis and reporting back to the Coalition.

Next meeting December 27, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader

