

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

December 10, 2015

28059 Fairground Rd Adel, IA 50003

9:45 am

Attendance: Debb Frantz, Ashleigh Weiderin, Ann Cochran, Val Cameron, Danielle Cusack, Diane Heidorn, Dara Madigan, Michelle Greenough, Lora Patton, Myra Willms, Nikki Bettis, Alyssa Reichelt

Announcements and Information:

Dallas County Public Health will be moving this month north on Hwy 169 to the a location north of Adel to a remodeled County facility. Other departments moving also are Community Services, Veteran Affairs, and Dispatch.

4RKids ECI area is still looking for a board member for Dallas County, preferably a male, for gender balance.

New Opportunities announced that their transitional housing in Perry is now Full.

American Lung Association is looking to work with child care providers, especially centers to help develop smoking policies in concern of second hand smoke and the effects on young children. They would be willing to do a training to child care providers and get tobacco resources out to the community child care providers.

Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children is working on getting data for a report on the current workforce statistics.

Crisis Intervention continues to work with students in the local schools.

Myra shared general information about the child care challenges in the Stuart area and West Central Valley Schools.

The Preschool Experience rate was shared. CCR&R shared some supporting information connected with the report given. Also Val shared numbers of ECI scholarships being given out in Dallas County.

4RKids Survey was reviewed. Everyone was in agreement that they could see changes that had been made and thought it looked good. No new changes or corrections.

Holiday treats from Deb enjoyed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30

No meeting in January. Next meeting is February 25, 2016 at 9:45 am.