

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

December 11, 2014

28059 Fairgrounds Road

Adel, Iowa 50003

9:45 A.M.

Attendance

Debb Franz, Lisa Mickelson, Katie Bee, Myra Wilms, Val Cameron, Laurie Wernli, Chris Lee and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information

Board Evaluation - Deb announced that the community will have the opportunity to provide insight into the 4 R Kids ECI board through a board evaluation. A survey will be sent out to anyone that has attended a board meeting in the last 12 months.

Parent Guide - Katie announced that the Madison, Marion, and Warren County CPPC project is collaborating with EFR to provide a parent guide for families with children under the age of 5.

Perry Networkers - The Perry Networkers are meeting today at 12:30 in Perry.

4 R Kids Indicators - Community wide indicators were reviewed. Poverty, preschool experience, prenatal care, unemployment rate, and the quality rating system are tracked annually. Much conversation around quality child care.

Preschool Experience - Data from all school districts in the 4 R Kids area was collected on the preschool experience rate. It is measured at the schools discretion. Dallas County preschool experience rate is 82.7%. The goal is to have a 90% rate. There was discussion on how the data is measured by schools.

4th Annual Appreciation Reception - The 4 R Kids ECI Board held their 4th Annual Appreciation Reception December 4, 2014 from 5:30-7:30 at Summerset Winery. About 75 people attended and there was testimony provided by participants as to the benefits from services supported by 4 R Kids.

Child Care Assistance Data - CCA data was shared by county, Madison County families received \$820,758 in child care assistance during FY14. Over \$89 million was spent in FY14 for Iowa.

Mental Health Resources - Deb drafted a mental health resource document with Dallas County and surrounding resources. Deb will make updates and bring back to the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00

There is no January meeting. The next meeting is February 26., 2015 at 9:45.