

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

December 18, 2013

28059 Fairgrounds Road

Adel, Iowa 50003

1:00

Attendance

Vivian Degonzalez, Laurie Wernli, Libby Slinger, Lisa Mickelson, Paula Klocke, Pegg Dour, Chris Lee, Myra Willms, Colleen Theis, Bobby Baxter, Ann Chocran, Jovanka Westbrook, Lisa Mickleson, Stephanie Potter, Kelly Kinning, and Debra Schrader. .

Announcements and Information Sharing

4 R Kids Update - The Board is currently seeking 2 positions for board membership. Contact Deb if you know of anyone that is interested.

ECI Levels of Excellence - The LOE site visit is April 17, 2014 and the community partner meeting is from 2:30-3:30. Save the date announcement will be out shortly. The portfolios were submitted December 5.

Board evaluation - the 4 R Kids ECI is conducting their annual board self evaluation and community partners that have been to at least one board meeting in the last twelve months will receive an online survey to complete. Results will be shared after the first of the year.

Indicators - The committee reviewed the 4 R Kids indicators. It was noted that the QRS numbers decreased and that the preschool experience decreased.

Day on the Hill - The ECI Day on the Hill is February 12, 2014. A list of legislators were provided. to the group. Early childhood partners are encouraged to attend the day.

Stewards of Children - Training will be provided January 23, 2014 from 1:30-3:30 at the Adel Library, the cost is free but a \$5 donations is requested.

DCAT RFP - DCAT has an RFP out for services and is due January 4. Contact Jenny Felt (515) 993-1710 for more information.

DCCAC - The council will be meeting in conjunction with the Dallas EC Committee starting in January.

Future Meeting location - A survey was sent out to find out the location that people would like the best, of the 16 people who completed the survey, 10 respondents wanted the meetings at Extension and 6 wanted them at Patrick's. After discussion of the group, it was decided the meetings will now be held at Extension.

1st Five - New Opportunities provided an overview of the 1st Five grant that has been received from IDPH. A coordinator has been hired and will begin working with doctors in Dallas County. They will bring the questions that doctors will ask the patients to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00. The next meeting will be January 23, 2014 at 9:45 A.M. at the Dallas County Extension office. The January meeting will be in collaboration with DCCAC.

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

Family Support Meeting 2:45

A meeting with family support providers was conducted after the EC meeting.

Those in attendance were Kelly Kinning, Deborah Arringdale, Colleen Theis, Lisa Mickleson, Jovanka Westbrook and Debra Schrader. Programs represented were, FaDSS, New Parent, Parents as Teachers, Group Parent Education, and Maternal Child Health. Those not in attendance were Early Head Start and Early Access.

The group reviewed the family support map/rubric and made minor changes. The map will be located on the 4 R Kids website.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.