

# Dallas County Coalition

## Minutes

Lutheran Church of Hope Waukee  
305 N.E. Dartmoor  
Waukee, Iowa 50263  
10:30 -12:00  
Wednesday December 28, 2016

### Attendance and Introductions

Peg Ragner, Ann Cochran, Kelly Vellinga, Kelly Hanson, Myra Willms, Kelly Parker, Joy Greir, Lyndsay Marron, Debb Franz, Susan O'Brien, Colleen Theis, Kristin Sylversten, Lisa Mickleson, Jody Caswell, Dean Owens, Michelle Greenough, Alyssa Reichelt, Jessica Delp, Hannah Rivas, Jenny Felt, Michele Keenan, Diane England, Hannah Vander Kopsa, Jovanka Westbrook and Debra Schrader.

### Agency Sharing

- FaDDS is preparing for Day on Hill and more information will be out soon.
- Dallas County Public Health with the Maternal Child Health Program has earned the Iowa Family Support Credential which is good for 5 years.
- There are transportation vouchers available at Dallas County Public Health to assist with getting to appointments.
- EFR has been collaborating with Zion to provide gambling and addiction education to clients.
- Dallas County ISU Extension will provide Great Beginnings a 5 week class in Perry. Extension may offer an additional class during the day in Waukee prior to March 31. Extension is also offering Strengthening Families evening classes starting January 15 through March 5 in DeSoto.
- The Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, just off Interstate 80 has meeting space and an auditorium for use.
- Wildwood Hills Ranch has program for veterans and their families to assist in transitioning to civilian life.
- The Waukee Community Closet has moved to Carefree Lane, next to Saints on Hickman and will be open January 16th.
- NAMI basics training will be held January 10, 2016 at the Ask Resource Center in Johnston.
- VITA sites will be up and running for free tax preparations for those making \$58,000 or less. Locations are in Perry and several sites in Des Moines.
- Parents as Teachers has a waiting list in Dallas County.
- American Lung Association collaborated with Sumpter Pharmacy to provide a smoking education event and it was well attended.
- A list of all the know food pantries was disseminated.
- The Dallas/Boone Mental Health conference will be held at Hotel Pattee April 13. Detroit Lion's Quarterback Eric Hipple will be the guest speaker and parents of Autumn Elgersma, who died in a child care setting.

### Early Childhood Updates/Information

- Board Membership - the 4 R Kids Board is looking for a board member to represent Dallas County, contact Deb Schrader at 4rkidseci.org for more information. A new board member will start a new term in January.
- [Paper Tigers](#) and [ACEs](#) Presentations - 1st Five, EFR, 4 R Kids, Generation Wellness, DCCAC, and DCAT/CPPC are collaborating together to provide viewings in Dallas County. A tentative date has been selected, March 6 at Lutheran Church of Hope Waukee in the evening and will provide a free meal and the target audience is the faith community, school personnel, and community members.
- Information was shared regarding the recent data that was collected from the school regarding preschool experience rate. The overall rate for the four county area is 89.9% and the Dallas County rate is 87.2%.
- Information was shared regarding United Ways Opportunity work. Community partners are encourage to get involved by contacting Eric Kinman [eric.kinman@unitwaydm.org](mailto:eric.kinman@unitwaydm.org).

### Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- FY16 Protective Factors Survey reports were provided to the group.
- FY17 Child Abuse Awareness Activities committee has been formed and are working on a plan for child abuse awareness activities for next March.
- A fundraising committee has been formed to work on a fundraiser for DCCAC. Penoch Winery in Adel has been contacted and there will be a charge of \$200 to use the facility, additionally a couple of bands have been contacted. The fundraiser will take place sometime in the summer on a Saturday afternoon.
- It was reminded to check out the Facebook page for DCCAC and that Jessica is willing to put community happenings and announcements on it, her contact information is [jllyndelp@gmail.com](mailto:jllyndelp@gmail.com).
- Several agencies participated in the protective factors training provided by Prevent Child Abuse Iowa.

### Generation Wellness Update/Information

- Challenges were raised regarding Dallas County DHS and the response time in returning phone calls. DHS will be invited to be a guest speaker at the next meeting.
- Generation Wellness has a website and it would be an ideal place to put trainings for the public.
- GWC 2017 Strategic Committee/Plan - A committee has been formed to work on the strategic plan and will meet to work on the plan. Next meeting December 28, 2016.

