

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

February 24, 2016

Lutheran Church of Hope Waukee

Adel, Iowa 50003

9:45 A.M.

Attendance

Debb Franz, Lisa Mickelson, Bonnie Forsythe, Myra Willms, Ann Cochran, Danielle Cusack, Diane Heidorn, Dara Madigan, Colleen Theis, Jenny Felt, Stephanie Potter, Erin Bowers, Kendra Balief, Megan Fooker, Sara Nolte, Hannah Vander Schel, Emily Brott, Michelle Greenough, Dian Heidorn, Meg Kayko, Karen Nelson, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information

Legislation - ECI has SSB3128 that provides for language cleanup. Senator Chapman is on the Senate Study committee. Early Childhood Day on the Hill was February 23.

Meeting Map - A newly revised meeting map was disseminated. A few changes are needed to be made and then the [Dallas County Meeting Map](#) will be posted on the 4 R Kids website.

FY17 meeting schedule - The FY17 meeting schedule was discussed. There will be no meetings in October, November and January.

4 R Kids Board - The Board is still looking for a board member for Dallas, preferably a male as they are seeking gender balance. The Board is following up to a potential lead that was recommended from the committee.

4 R Kids Survey - Every three years the 4 R Kids ECI Board is charged with updating the community plan and conducting a community survey. The survey will be released in March and will be available by hard copy as well as a link on the website.

Toddlerfest - The 3rd annual Toddlerfest will be May 7, 2016 at the Dallas County Fairgrounds. If you want a table contact Paula James at the Adel Library.

Kids Count - The recent Kids Count data has been published and documents have been created by County. The group reviewed Dallas County data.

Medicaid Presentation - A presentation by Karen Nelson and Me Kayko of AmeriHealth Caritas was provided regarding the changes with Medicaid.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40

The next meeting is March 23, 2016