

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

February 27, 2014

28059 Fairgrounds Road

Adel, Iowa 50003

9:45 A.M.

Attendance

Erin Bowers, Debb Franz, Lisa Mickelson, Michelle Greenough, Janelle Peiffer, Myra Willm, Peg Dhorer, Ashleigh Wiederin, Jennifer Walters, Alyssa Mathews, Chris Lee, Val Cameron, Leslie Ellerman, Michelle Leonard, Bonnie Forsythe, Lisa Michaels, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information Sharing

Legislative Update - Deb reviewed a few bills that may impact families. There is a new bill regarding a family support refugee pilot project. There may other changes to child care assistance and statewide voluntary preschool programming.

4 R Kids Update - The Board still has 2 board positions open. Boards are to adhere to gender balance and are required to show good faith effort. Currently the board can have as many as 12 and as little as 8 members.

Dallas County Early Childhood Resources - The resource document was reviewed and all changes are to be into Deb Schrader by Friday April 28, 2014. The document will be located at www.4rkids-eci.org.

Dallas County ACES Project - A technical assistance grant from Prevent Child Abuse Iowa was awarded to the Dallas County Mental Health workgroup which is now called Generation Wellness. The team of Debb Franz, Deb Schrader, Linda Lemons, and Dena Owens will attend a 2 day training in Des Moines on March 3-4. It was note that Generation Wellness had obtained \$6,250 from four funding sources, Bock Foundation, Boone/Dallas Decategorization, 4 R Kids, and DCCAC. More information will follow.

Toddlerfest - The first ever Dallas County Toddlerfest is April 12, 2014 from 10:00-12:00 at the Dallas County Fairgrounds. This will be a resource fair along with activities for children ages 2-5. Paul James attended the meeting provide an update regarding the collaboration among all 12 libraries in Dallas County to put the event on. Some of the highlights of the event will include Trooper the therapy dog, sand table, donated bags from Fairway, airbrush tattoos, Science Center of Iowa, princesses from the movie Frozen. Public service announcements will also be conducted along with information in the newspapers. An evaluation to be completed by parents/caregivers was discussed, the 12 libraries will meet and discuss it as well. If an agency would like to have a booth/table contact Paula James, paula@adelpl.org.

Kiwanis - The Adel Kiwanis are proving scholarships for children to assist with coving entry fees or uniform costs up to \$200. More information is located at www.adelkiwansis.org.

Mobile Food Pantry - On March 1 Food Bank of Iowa will be at Crossroads Church in Perry to provide a mobile food pantry for qualifying families.

Dallas County Foundation - Grants are available and are due 4/14/14

Meeting adjourned at 10:45. The next meeting will be March 27, 2014 at 9:45 A.M. at the Dallas County Extension office.

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