

Adair County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Adair County Extension

154 Public Square

Greenfield, Iowa 50849

Meeting began at 2:30.

Attendance

Stephanie Clausen, Terry Wangberg, Michelle Greenough, Brittney Shinn, Beth Turner Natlie Wiltner, and Debra Schrader.

Legislation

Currently there is SF368 that made it through funnel and this would impact ECI in a positive fashion. It would eliminate the cumbersome categorical funding and allow local board control. There are several bills relating to statewide voluptuary preschool and few bills related to child care.

Toddlerfest

The Toddlerfest is scheduled for April 27, 2015 at the Adair County fairgrounds from 5:00-7:00. There will be the princesses from Frozen and a light supper will be provided. Information will be sent to all the preschools and child care providers. Lyndsie is working on a flyer.

Shared Visions

Nodaway Valley Community Schools will receive the Shared Visions grant, but Orient-Macksburg was denied funding. This will cause an increase in ECI preschool scholarship demand.

4 R Kids Board

The FY16 RFP will be released March 20, 2015 with a due date of April 20, 2015.

MIECHV

IDPH applied for \$6.6 million grant to continue with home visitation services for high risk families and the grant was denied. While the 4 R Kids ECI area did not receive home visitation funds, this will have a negative impact on the area.

Free Tax Preparations

There is free tax preparation for those who make \$58,000 or less. There are locations in Perry, Des Moines, Ankeny, and Indianola.

Preschool Tuition Policy

The FY16 4 R Kids preschool tuition policy was disseminated. The major change was moving from \$150 to \$175 for a cap for preschools.

Early Childhood Resource Document

The FY14 early childhood resource document was reviewed and changes made. This will be posted on the 4 R Kids website.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be May 12, 2015

There will be no April meeting due to the Child Abuse Prevention Conference.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Director