

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

March 14, 2012

303 S. 10th Street

Adel, Iowa 50003

11:45

Attendance

Tina Gordinier, Joy Rouse, Emily Brott, Karen Rewaj, Bob Ockerman, Carolyn Myers, Myra Wilms, Jean Yanders, Peggy Stecklin, Connie Jackson, Christina Schalk, Paula Klocke, Chris Lee, Val Cameron, Leslie Ehlerman, Jamie Wahlert, Leslie Stonehocker, Shirley McAdon, Joyce Miller, and Debra Schrader. A light snack lunch was provided by Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information Sharing

4 R Kids ECI Board Update – The 4 R Kids ECI area board amended the preschool tuition policy for FY2013, the major change is it will now be encouraged to fill a voluntary preschool slot, versus required. The FY2013 RFP will be released March 23, 2012.

Dateline MSNBC – Connie shared about a story regarding background checks on dateline. Click here for the link. <http://video.today.msnbc.msn.com/today/46601664#46601664>

Parent Summit – Jovanka shared that four parents attended the Parent Summit in Des Moines March 10. The purpose of the summit was to assessment the needs of parents. The event was sponsored by Early Childhood Iowa.

CHNA/HIP- Peggy shared the Dallas County Community Health Needs assessment Health Improvement Plan. The plan is FY2011-2016, with three areas of concentration are are overweight/obesity, access to care, and mental health, substance abuse The CHNA/HIP information is located at the Dallas County website <http://www.co.dallas.ia.us/index.aspx?page=824>

Dallas County Health Navigation – Dallas County Public Health has a health navigation system that assists the community in finding resources. Vivian DeGonzles is the staff that assists families, professionals, and other stakeholders in find resources. The website is: <http://www.co.dallas.ia.us/index.aspx?page=142>

Project Connect – The Dallas County Child Advocacy Council, CPPC, and 4 R Kids ECI area are collaborating together to sponsor Project Connect with is a domestic violence training for home visitation professionals. For more information contact Karen Rewaj at 515-447-9340.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00. The next meeting will be June 13, 2012 at 1:00.

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