

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

March 26, 2015

28059 Fairgrounds Road

Adel, Iowa 50003

9:45 A.M.

Attendance

Debb Franz, Lisa Mickelson, Myra Willms, Val Cameron, Dena Owens, Michelle Greenough, Jenny Felt, Ashleigh Wiederin, Christina Schalk, Jovanka Westbrook, Michelle Leonard, Diana Bonus, Daneille Cusak, Kelly Kinning, Diane Hidorn, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information

Shared Visions - The Child Development Center in Perry will be awarded the Shared Vision Preschool grant for FY16. They scored 223 out of 224 points. They will be collaborating with the Parents as Teachers program which will allow all parents to participate in home visitation.

Parents as Teachers - There is a new parent educator that will serve Dallas County and there will be another person that is bilingual trained soon.

Nomination for Family Support Professional - Bonnie Forsythe has been nominated for Family Support Professional of the year and the awards will take place April 13th.

Blockfest - Partners in Family Development will hold the first ever in Iowa Blockfest in Winterset at the Catholic Church on April 18 from 10:00-11:00 and then again 1:00-2:00 and each time slot can have up to 30 people. The first event will be by invitation only. It is a research-based exhibit that helps raise awareness of early math and science learning by offering hands-on block play experiences to families with young children. This is a trademark event.

4 R Kids Board - The Board has released the FY16 RFP and is due April 20, 2015. The Board is looking for a board member, preferably a male as they are seeking gender balance.

State ECI Board - Bob Ockerman has been reappointed to the state Early Childhood Iowa Board along with a new appointment, Shaun Taylor Ward.

Resource Directory - CPPC/DCAT is working collaboratively with other agencies to print a resource directory before the end of the fiscal year.

Toddlerfest - The 2nd annual Dallas County Toddlerfest is May 2, 2015 from 10:00-12:00 at the Dallas County Fairgrounds. This is a fun and free event for families with children under the age of 5.

Early Childhood Resource Document - the committee review the resource document. Needed changes will be made and reviewed at the next meeting. The document will also be posted on the website.

FY16 Meeting Dates - The FY16 meeting schedule was discussed. It was consensus that collaborating with the Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council on meetings is advantageous and to keep the meetings on the same day. The meeting schedule will be posted on the 4 R Kids website.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45

The next meeting is April 23, 2015 at 9:45.