

Adair County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Adair County Extension

154 Public Square

Greenfield, Iowa 50849

Meeting began at 2:20.

Attendance

Angie Engles, Kristi Nixon, Sharon Campbell, Michelle Greenough, Myra Willms, Janelle Peiffer, Karen Nelson, Jocelyn Blazek, Connie Lundy, Natalie Weltner, Stephanie Claussen, and Debra Schrader.

Child Care Changes in Iowa

Local child care providers received a letter from DHS outlining the changes that take effect September 30, 2016. Due to these changes, it is perceived that some providers will no long be registered. Additionally, there is concern as to who and how the content areas will be delivered.

Legislative Update

SF2299 is the ECI bill that is in regards to language cleanup to Early Childhood Iowa, additionally it will eliminate the categories. One change to the bill is the senate committee reverted the 5% to 3% on administration funds. This isn't a deal breaker for ECI.

Toddlerfest

The Adair County Toddlerfest is being planned and the date is May 3, 2016 at the Nodaway Elementary School.

4 R Kids Board

- The community survey is ready for distribution. It is available by hard copy or parents can use the [survey link](#) that is in Monkey Survey.
- The Board is looking for board members and gender balance is desired.

Adair County Strengths and Areas of Improvement

The 4 R Kids Board will be updating the community plan and requested input regarding strengths and areas of improvement in Adair County.

Strengths

- High level of connection among families and agencies
- Great collaboration
- Trust
- Child care providers are very close/active phone tree
- Statewide voluntary preschool funding in all school districts
- Strong health system (has a pediatrician and oncology department)

Areas of Improvement

- Quality child care, losing providers
- Not enough child care for the population
- Child care programs are not accepting CCRR services
- Retail leakage
- No grocery store in Adair County is open on Sunday (except for the one in Stuart)
- Getting involvement from parents such as attending education classes
- No urgent care, but do have a walk-in clinic

Adair County Health Systems

- The hospital has contracted on a 6 month trial period with the CEO from the Madison County Hospital.
- Outpatient therapy for senior citizens is now available.

Adair County Extension

Extension will be providing Powerful Tools for Caregivers starting April 7 from 6:30-9:00 and will run six weeks. For more information contact Angie Engles at 641-743-8412.

DCAT/CPPC Update

- DCAT/CPPC is updating the Adair County resource directory. Contact [Jocelyn Blazek](#) to make any changes.

- There is \$950 available for community events, more information on how to access the funding is available on the [CPPC website](#).
- There is \$100 available for professional development, more information on how to access the funding is available on the [CPPC website](#).
- There will be no DCAT funding for the next two years. There will be standard \$20,000 in Community Partnerships for Protecting Children next year.

Medicaid Presentation

AmeriHealth Caritas, MCO for Medicaid, provided a presentation about how Medicaid will be managed starting April 1. If you would like to have a presentation for your agency contact [Karen Nelson](#) or call (515) 729-3937.

Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:30. **There will be no April meeting due to many conflicts.** The next meeting will be May 10, 2016.
Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Director