

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

April 23, 2015

28059 Fairgrounds Road

Adel, Iowa 50003

9:45 A.M.

Attendance

Penny Estrada, Lisa Mickelson, Myra Willms, Val Cameron, Dena Owens, Michelle Greenough, Natalie Scarpino, Vivian Degonzalez, Ann Cochran, Christia Schalk, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information

Blockest - Partners in Family Development held 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. It was a success.

Legislation - it is unlikely that the SF368 that is in regards to funding flexibility will make it in this session.

Generation Wellness - Deb attended a meeting with Prevent Child Abuse Iowa on April 13 to review progress made with the ACES technical assistance grant. It was noted that most areas felt this should be a 5 year plan and not a 1 or 2 year plan. It was also reported that the Dallas County ACEs video has been made and will be released soon.

4 R Kids Board - The Board is looking for a board member, preferably a male as they are seeking gender balance. It was suggested that Reverend Max Phillips with the Perry Lutheran Home would be a good fit and has some background and expertise that the board may benefit from.

New Preschool - The New Hope Church in Adel will be starting a preschool this fall.

State ECI Board - Deb sat in on the state training with Shaun Taylor Ward. It would be adventurous to get her introduced to the early childhood world in Dallas County as it would assist her on the state ECI board.

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 for the last time. The document will also be posted on the website.

Family Support Referral Map - The map was reviewed and it was suggested to put websites for each service. Deb will email out to all the programs and request changes.

Dallas County Meeting Map - The group reviewed the map and made changes. There are 7 meetings that have been identified.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45

The next meeting is May 28, 2015 at 9:45.