

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

April 24, 2014

28059 Fairgrounds Road

Adel, Iowa 50003

9:45 A.M.

Attendance

Myra Willms, Linda Lemons, Jovanka Westbrook, Michelle Leonard, Dena Owens, Chris Lee, Christian Schalk, Bonnie Forsyth, Jenny Felts, Janelle Peiffer, Michelle Greenough, Debb Franz and Deb Schrader.

Announcements and Information Sharing

Toddlerfest - Deb shared information about the first ever Dallas County Toddlerfest and there were 541 attendees, 72% have visited a library in the last 30 days, 87% reads to their child daily, and 98% would attend another event like this one. 4 R Kids provided \$405.96 in funding and Boone/Dallas CPPC provided \$400 to support the event. It was noted a larger space would be needed for next year.

Health Insurance- Information was shared about the Insurance Market Place, Colorado has some of the highest premiums of \$844 and New York has some of the lowest of \$255.

Waukeel Community Center - It was announced that the Waukeel Community Center will allow nonprofits to meet at the center 1 day a month with no charge, days that are Monday - Thursday.

LOE - Dena and Deb provided an overview of Levels of Excellence that the 4 R Kids ECI board went through on April 17. The results will be available June 6.

Denim Day - April is sexual assault awareness month and CIAC launched a Denim Day to raise awareness.

Macaroni Kids - There is a website that is dedicated to delivering information about family friendly events and activities happening in Dallas County. For more information go to www.dallasia.macaronikid.com.

4 R Kids Board - The board is in the process of reviewing the request for renewal applications and will provide funding recommendations at the May 15, 2014 board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

The next meeting is May 22, 2014 at 9:45 and United Way will be conducting a community conversation regarding needs.