

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

May 15, 2013

28059 Fairgrounds Road

Adel, Iowa 50003

1:00

Attendance

Myra Willms, Peggy Stecklein, Jovanka Westbrook, Chris Lee, Colleen Theis, Dena Owens, Janelle Pfeifer, Cris Broshar, Val Cameron, Jeremy Johnson-Miller, Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information Sharing

FaDDS - A presentation was to be provided by

Safe Sleep - Chris Lee provided information on safe sleep for your baby. Chris volunteered to have a training for family support providers.

Perry Child Development Center - The center received a grant for a community garden and using the PCDC as a model for other areas of the county would be innovative. A Bock Grant could be applied for to support the efforts. This would address a strategy for the CHNA/HIP>

Family Resource Center - Jovanka announced a 6 week prenatal class will start Friday.

Child Care Provider Survey - Myra shared results of the child care provider survey. This will be helpful information to help plan for FY2014 additionally it would be beneficial to put this information in the 4 R Kids community plan.

Early Learning Standards - Jovanka attended the ELS training and was impressed, it was noted that child play was an emphasis and that there is a high concentration on the whole child. K-12 focus on math and English, ELS focuses on more than that.

ACES - Dena updated the group on the ACES meeting. Additionally this would be great opportunity to work with IDPH on the community conversation on children's mental health. Deb will contact Rhonda Rairden at IDPH and inquire if we can combine efforts for July 25 starting at 11:30 and have IDPH serve lunch. Also the Trauma Informed Care conference is June 11-13.

Transportation - Jeremy asked the group for more ideas for ridership.

New Parent Program - Colleen updated the group that there is a new family support worker and the transition has gone well. All families transitioned to Yvette from the previous worker.

Legislative update - An update on current legislative matters was shared. SF446 was shared how the federal funds would be replaced with state funds and that the school ready formula would be used. The session has yet to adjourn.

Community Survey - The 4 R Kids ECI survey results were shared and input was provided from the committee.

Assets and Challenges - A draft of assets and challenges for the 4 R Kids Area was shared and input was provided by the committee.

4 R Kids Community Plan - a 43 page rough draft of the community plan will be presented at the board meeting May 16. Jeremy and Cris volunteered to review the draft and two 4 R Kids board members will also be recruited to provide an in-depth review.

Dallas County Child Advocacy Council - DCCAC received funding notification and they will be receiving \$28,989 for outreach and follow-up services and 7,051 for sexual abuse prevention services.

Hearing Testing - Jovanka shared the challenges with required hearing testing for children under the age of 5. Jeremy volunteered to research information on the hearing testing requirements and resources.

Next meeting - Early Head Start will be invited to attend the next meeting and provide an overview. FaDDS will also be invited again to present.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15. The next meeting will be August 28, 2013 at the Dallas County Extension office.

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