

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

May 25, 2016

Lutheran Church of Hope Waukee

305 N.E. Dartmoor

Waukee, Iowa 50263

9:45 A.M.

Attendance

Debb Franz, Diane Heidorn, Colleen Theis, Michelle Greenough, Tallie Rhamey, Sharee Swanson, Peg Raganer, Jenny Felt, Ann Cochran, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information

Legislation - SF2299 provides for language cleanup and was approved unanimously by the House and the Senate. At the last minute of the session there was an attempt to add the cannabis bill to the EC bill, but it was not passed. First Five will receive a another sizable increase this year and it will allow more counties to be served in FY17.

FY17 Meeting Map - A meeting map with several community meetings was reviewed. Contact Deb if there are any changes. The map will be added to the 4 R Kids website.

FY16 Toddlerfest - The group reviewed the community event report with all 4 Toddlerfests. Dallas County has support from CPPC and Dallas County along with 4 R Kids. There were 727 people in attendance. Additionally the community survey was conducted at the event.

4 R Kids Board - The Board has approved a new board member from the Perry area, Lois Hoger.

4 R Kids Survey - The community survey were to be submitted by May 15. There are more 300 that need to be entered online. The goal was to have 500 surveys completed and it will be surpassed with the ones that are already entered online.

Fiscal Assessment - It is required to complete a fiscal assessment for ECI. Information will be coming out soon to be completed by agencies.

DCAT/PPC Assessment - A survey was conducted at the mental health conference April 28, 2016 and the results were provided to the group. It was noted that mental health, parent support and substance abuse were among the top 3 issues that kids struggle with today; mental health, substance abuse and family support were the top 3 issues that families struggle with; mental health resources, transportation, and child care options were the top three greatest resource needs.

Boys in Crisis- A free workshop about boys and discipline in schools sponsored by Boone/Dallas DCAT will be June 27, 2016 from 8:30-3:30. There is limited seating available, contact Jenny Felt at jfelt@dhs.state.ia.us.

Election- Deb provided the group with a document with who all is running for election this fall. Representative Rob Taylor is the only one running unopposed.

Food Pantry's - A food pantry document was provided to the group. There are food pantry's in Adel, Perry, Waukee, Stuart, Dexter, Dallas Center, Woodward, and Granger.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

The next meeting is June 22, 2016.