

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

June 22, 2016 at 10:30

Lutheran Church of Hope Waukee

305 N.E. Dartmoor

Waukee, Iowa 50263

Attendance

Debb Franz, Chris Villalobos, Michelle Greenough, Emily Donavon, Dawn Holt, Bryce Smith, Dara Madigan, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information

4 R Kids Board update

The board has approved the FY17 funding plan and list of funded programs were provided. There is a new Dallas County board member from Perry, Lois Hoger. There will be another position open on the board next January. The board strives for gender balance. The 4 R Kids survey is being inputted and a preliminary report will be available this fall.

Title V Contract

Iowa Department of Public Health announced the grant awards last week and Visiting Nurse Services in Polk County will now be serving Dallas County and the services will transition from New Opportunities. Services affected are child care nurse consultant, 1st Five, maternal child health and few other services. Deb will try and find a contact information for VNS and get them on the distribution list.

Early Childhood Services Document

The one page early childhood services document was reviewed and changes suggested. Deb will get the changes made and post on the website.

Transportation Map

Deb updated the transportation map. It is unclear if TMS still transports for Medicaid clients.

Medicaid

It was brought to the attention of the group that not all Medicaid clients were routed to one of the three MCO's. It's possible that the state kept terminally ill clients and a certain ethnic population.

ECI Funding

Deb shared the history of funding from FY2008 to FY2017. The state had a reduction of 43% in school ready funding and 13% in early childhood funding. The goal is to have a re-instatement of funding back to the 2008 funding levels. It is also a goal to have flexibility with the funds by eliminating the categories.

Candidate for District 19

Bryce Smith is running for House District 19 which serves Dallas County. Bryce provided the group with her background and her areas of focus if elected. For more information you may contact him at www.bryce4iowa.com.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

The next meeting is August 24, 2016.