

Adair County Early Childhood Committee and Adair County Interagency
Thursday June 7, 2012
5:00 P.M.
Immanuel Lutheran Church
505 N.E. Dodge Street
Greenfield, Iowa 50849
Minutes/Notes

Attendance

Myra Wilms, Leslie Stonehocker, Connie Jackson, Kristin Walker, Colleen Theis, and Debra Schrader.

Introductions - Deb convened the meeting and introductions were made.

Legislative Updates – Deb provided an update regarding language that passed for the Department of Education to convene a work group to recommend to the Iowa Legislature by November 15 an assessment tool for all school districts to use to measure school readiness. A 4 R Kids Board member has agreed to participate in the workgroup. The Governor has signed the DE and DHS bills, which has the Early Childhood Iowa funding in it.

Statistics and Data

Population data from the State of Iowa Library was reviewed. According to the data, Adair county 0-5 population is 512 for FY2012 and by 2020 is predicted to be at 531, which is a slight increase. Also reviewed was data from the Iowa Policy Project, www.iowapolicyproject.org. It was noted that a single mother with one child would need to make \$17.42 per hour to make ends meet utilizing the basic needs budgeting. Additionally it was noted the methodology utilized for the federal poverty level has not been modified since the 1960's. Also provided was a one page CHNA/HIP identified needs from all four counties.

4 R Kids update

The board is looking to fill one vacant position on the board, if you know of anyone interested, contact Deb. The Board made funding decisions and the 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area Board has awarded the following agencies in excess of \$1,000,000 for FY2013:

Lutheran Services in Iowa	Intensive home visitation services (HFA)
Partners in Family Development	Home visitation services (PAT)
Adair County ISU Extension	Home visitation services (PAT)
Dallas County Public Health	Short term home visitation (MCH)
Dallas County ISU Extension	Provider training and personalized support
Orchard Place	CCRR provider training
New Opportunities	Child care nurse consultant services
Warren County Health Services	Child care nurse consultant services
Adair County ISU Extension	Group based parent education Family Nutrition/Loving Your Family and Great Beginnings
Dallas County ISU Extension	Preschool enrichment services (Preschool Coordination, Dental and Lead Screenings, Professional Development, Quality Improvement and Preschool Scholarships)

Identified Needs

Through discussions it was recognized there is a need for PBIS for preschool. CCRR and the Quality Improvement project will take the information back and do research on how to fill the need. It was also noted that if there were any unallocated funding to assist child care providers with mini grants, that all in attendance were in favor of meeting such need.

Substance Abuse Prevention

Deb noted there will be a change for who holds the contract for the substance abuse prevention grant that currently Green Hills AEA administers. Zion Treatment Center will hold the grant starting July 1 and Wendi Boswell will continue as the prevention specialist with Zion.

Success 4 Kids Council

The Council will be revamping and Deb and Jocelyn, DCAT coordinator will be meeting June 8 to work on a new by-laws. Membership is also a concern and there is requirement to have 6 different sectors to be represented.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be September 13, 2012 at 4:00 at Orient Macksburg School in Orient. Time of day was discussed for holding the meetings and it was decided to try having the meetings for FY2013 at 4:00 instead of 5:00.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Executive Director