

## **Dallas County Early Childhood Committee**

### **Minutes/Notes**

**August 24, 2016 at 10:30**

**Lutheran Church of Hope Waukee**

**305 N.E. Dartmoor**

**Waukee, Iowa 50263**

#### **Attendance**

Debb Franz, Susan O'Brien, Myra Willms, Colleen Theis, Ann Cochran, Alyssa Reichelt, Stephane Birt Ashleigh Weiderin, Jenny Felt, Debb Franz, Sheri Swanson, Sadie Bohr, and Debra Schrader.

#### **Announcements and Information**

##### **National Guard**

Susan O'Brien with EFR provided an overview of the workshop she attended with the Iowa National Guard. EFR plans to assist the ING with policies around substance abuse. It was noted that 36% of active members are in some kind of crisis.

##### **Title V Contract**

Ashleigh Weideren with New Opps updated the group on the changes that will take place on October 1, the Title V grant will now be awarded to VNS for the next five years. New Opps appealed the decision with IDPH but unfortunately, did not win the appeal. Several services will be impacted by the decision.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Ann Cockran provided information

- Freedom for Youth in Perry has an afterschool program for k-12 that lasts until 7:00 at night with a meal.
- There is a "Kids' Clothes Closet" sponsored by Adel First Christian Church the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.
- DMACC is offering a youth building initiative for ages 18-24; assistance with finishing high and construction training.
- Several churches in Adel have collaborated together to offer assistance to those that need property cleanup; the Methodist church is the contact for the project.
- CPPC Lunch and Learn will be September 15 from 12:00-1:30 at Woodward with a special guest speaker Yolanda Harden.

#### **Consumer Impact Survey**

The results from the 4 R Kids impact survey were reviewed. There were over 200 respondents from families with children under the age of 6 in Dallas County, overall there were over 500 respondents in the 4 county area. Highlights of the survey were:

- 27.1% indicated if they had to ask for help for one item child care would be it, with medical costs being at 21.8%
- 26.5% indicated there was not enough time/too busy to seek counseling services
- 40.5% indicated the biggest child care challenge was cost of care
- 32.6% of respondents had heard of 4 R Kids ECI

The survey results are available to anyone who would like to have them by contacting Deb Schrader at 4rkidseci@gmail.com. The survey results will go into the 4 R Kids community plan.

#### **Fiscal Assessment**

Community partners should have received information from the 4 R Kids area on gathering fiscal data. This is a requirement for the community plan. The purpose of the assessment is to map the resources going into to serve the 0-5 population, the challenge is finding all the sources of funding and private funding sources are not willing to provide the information.

#### **4 R Kids Board update**

The Board will be looking for a board member as a members term will end in December. Gender balance is preferred, and would like to have a male.

#### **Child Care**

There will be new regulations for child care providers starting October 1. It was noted that non-registered providers who accept child care assistance will be required to take the essentials training, have an annual DHS inspection, and have emergency plans. In the past there were no requirements for non-registered who accept CCA. Registered and licensed providers will also have additional requirements. Emergency preparedness training is currently underway in Iowa to meet some of the requirements. There is concern that the number of registered providers will decrease due to the new rules.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

The next meeting is September 28, 2016.

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