

Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

August 28, 2013

28059 Fairgrounds Road

Adel, Iowa 50003

1:00

Attendance

Myra Willms, Sara Deppe, Kelly Kinning, Tara Auspach, Peggy Stecklein, Jovanka Westbrook, Chris Lee, Janelle Pfeifer, Val Cameron, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information Sharing

ACES Summit - The summit will be October 14, from 9-4 at the Sheraton in West Des Moines, registration is \$40.

Play Experience - Dallas County Extension will be providing a Play Experience workshop on November 2 from 8:30-12:00 at the Living Faith Lutheran Church in Clive.

AEYC - The conference will be September 20-22.

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa - Prevent Child Abuse Iowa was awarded \$255,000 to assist and support ACES work, a family support worker certification. PCAI will be partnering with 6 communities in regards to ACES. It was discussed and also consensus that Dallas County should apply to be one of the 6 communities. Partners in Family Development has been requested to be part of an advisory group for the family support worker certification initiative.

National News- Rhode Island has implemented a temporary caregiver insurance program that will cost the average worker 64 cents a week.

ECI Showcase - Deb provided the group with the 4 R Kids ECI FY2013 annual showcase which was a high level overview of the board and the services that were provided. The annual report will be posted at www.4rkids-eci.org in the next few weeks.

Toddlerfest - Deb had a conversation with the Adel Library about having a Toddlerfest in Dallas County. In September all 12 libraries will get together to discuss this idea. The 4 R Kids ECI Board has limited funds to assist with the efforts.

Preschool Scholarships and Transportation - Val updated the group that the requests for preschool scholarships are up greatly from the previous year. Preschool transportation funding is also available, but as of currently it appears as though Dallas County Home Care will not transport preschool children, for unknown reasons.

Meeting Collaboration - The Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council is interested in collaborating with the Dallas County Early Childhood Committee. DCCAC traditionally the 4th Wednesday of each month at Patrick's in Adel. Due to many of the same people attending both meetings and some of the information is redundant, this would be a great collaboration and use of time. It was consensus of the group to start meeting with DCCAC starting in January. It was also discussed if a different meeting location would be entertained and that ISU Extension could be a meeting location, additionally, limiting the two meetings together for an 1 1/2 was desired.

FaDSS - A presentation was to be provided by Kelly Kinning. Currently FaDSS is serving 9 families and has the capacity to serve 18. FaDSS is a home visiting program that helps families receiving FIP and builds on self sufficiency.

HIPP - A presentation was provided by Tara Auspach. The HIPP program helps people get or keep health insurance through their employer by reimbursing the cost of the health insurance premium.

Next meeting - Early Head Start will be invited again to attend the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20. The next meeting will be October 24, 2013 at the Dallas County Extension office. There will be a December 21, 2013 meeting, then after that, meetings will be in collaboration with DCCAC starting January 23, 2014.

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