

## Dallas County Early Childhood Committee

### Minutes/Notes

September 28, 2016 at 10:30

Lutheran Church of Hope Waukee

305 N.E. Dartmoor

Waukee, Iowa 50263

#### Attendance

Debb Franz, Myra Willms, Ann Cochran, Ashleigh Weiderin, Jenny Felt, Sheri Swanson, Peg Ragner, Alyssa Reichelt, Allison Kupka, Dawn Holt, Chritina Schalk, Hannah Rivas, Hannah Vader Schel, and Debra Schrader.

#### Announcements and Information

##### Miscellaneous

Ann Cockran provided information

**Head Start** is full with a waiting list. Contact Christian Schalk for more information

**Teal Pumpkin Project** - Is a worldwide movement that creates a safer, happier Halloween for all kids. Putting a teal pumpkin on your doorstep means you have non-food treats available, such as glow sticks or small toys. This simple act promotes inclusion for trick-or-treaters with food allergies or other conditions.

**Opportunity Summit**- Deb is participating in an initiative to end poverty with United Way of Central Iowa. One of the strategies is to increase statewide voluntary preschool funding to full waiting for 4 years at or below the 200% FPL.

**American Lung Association** is working with child care providers regarding tobacco polices. A survey was sent out to all child care providers and the results will be shared with the group at a later date.

**Kids Cloths Closet** - Waukee has started a kids clothing closet at Prairie School, free clothing will be available for children and student in need starting October 23 from 1:00-4:00. Contact wakeecommunitycloset@gmail.com for more information. Adel as a Kids Closet the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00-11:00 at the Adel Christian Church.

**EFR** will now have an office in Perry.

**Perry Networkers** may be restarting soon. Contact Allison Kupka at akupka@efor.org for more information.

**Parenting Classes** will be offered through Iowa State Extension. Great Beginnings starts October 13 - November 10 and Strengthening Families starts October 2 - November 13. Contact Lisa Mickleson at lmickel@iastate.edu for more information.

**Car Show** at the Whistling Donkey in Woodward will be held October 15, 2016 from 12-5. This is a fundraiser for Crisis Intervention Advocacy Center.

#### 4 R Kids Board update

- FY16 Executive Summary was disseminated.
- 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.
- 6th Annual Appreciation reception will be December 1, 2016 at Annelise Winery in Indianola. The public is invited to attend.
- The 4 R Kids ECI area surveyed all 38 ECI areas with a 68% response rate regarding waiting lists for family support services. A one page advocacy document was drafted asking for a 5% increase in school ready funds.

#### Meetings and Coalitions

It was proposed to the group to condense the Early Childhood meeting, DCCAC, and Generation Wellness into one meeting to be more efficient with the attendees needs and time restraints. It was consensus of the group to try it with the meeting starting at 10:30 and end at noon. Deb would be responsible for the email distribution list, agendas and minutes. Each group would facilitate their respective 20 minutes of the agenda. If approved by all three groups it will start at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

The next meeting is October 26, 2016.