

Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

October 3, 2012

10:00

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125

Attendance

Nannette Schroeder, Angie Reed, Dawn Holt, KimPost, Jeremy Johnson Miller, Linda Hayden, Linda Nicholson, Allison Moreland, Tina Gordinier, Tammy Engebrestson, Joy Rouse, Myra Willms, Janelle Stribe, Colleen Reisener, Jovanka Westbrook, Liz Young, Nicole Smith and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information

CCRR Data – Janelle Stribe provided information regarding child care in Warren County. It was noted the data gathered regarding costs of preschool may need to be modified. A rate sheet for each county was also disseminated. Every county has a data fact sheet regarding child care and preschool and is located at www.iowaccrr.org.

United Way Assessment – United Way will have a meeting October 9th from 10-11:30 to discuss out of school activities. The public is invited to attend.

Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training – Dallas County Extension will be sponsoring a training October 23 from 6:30-8:30 at Wilder Elementary and is open to the public, not just child care providers. The CCNC that serves Jasper County will be providing the training and can take up to 50 participants.

Necessity Pantry – The Pantry is having a drive from October 14-28 and is in need of basic items such as diapers, wipes and personal items. It was noted that the HOPE Foundation may be able to assist with the efforts.

4 R Kids Board Update – The new website is up and functional, www.4rkids-eci.org. An RFP has been issued for home visitation to serve Adair County due to the termination of Growing Strong Families. A collaborative effort between Partners in Family Development, Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County Extension, Lutheran Services of Iowa had put together calendar with all the group parent education offerings for each county. The annual appreciation reception is December 6 from 5:00-7:00 at Summerset Winery.

Legislative Agenda- The 4 R Kids ECI Area has issued its FY2013 legislative agenda and talking points as well as two other companion pieces.

FaDDS – Allison Moreland from FaDDS provided an overview of the FaDDS project. Currently has an opening for families.

Promise Jobs- It was noted that there have been changes in Promise Jobs and that Doug Brooks is the contact person at 515-281-9660 or douglas.brooks@iwd.iowa.gov. Darvana who was with Promise Jobs now works for Red Rock.

Mental Health Resources – the mental health resources document was reviewed for a final time with adding Bailey Saal. This will now be posted on the website in word for the community to utilize.

Community Impact Survey – Much discussion was held regarding conducting a community assessment. Draft questions were reviewed. Questions regarding self sufficiency, mental health and child care were the focus. At the next meeting a new draft of questions will be reviewed. The plan is to have the survey ready to administer by January with results in early spring. All four County Early Childhood Committees will have an opportunity to provide input into the impact survey as well.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30. The next meeting is November 7, 2012.