

MADISON COUNTY ADVISORY ECI COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 8, 2013

Present: Joyce Kooker, Deb Schrader, Lynette Judd, Janelle Peiffer, Hollie Fairholm, Sara Deppe, Pamela Bruce, Myran Kepford, and Janet Reutzel.

Introductions were made by those present.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as written.

Sara Deppe of Iowa State Extension Service announced that she will be teaching a 10 week class for those who co-parent. This could be family members as well as parents. The class will last 1 hour and child care will be provided. The purpose will be to improve communication with those who co-parent. She also said they are working on ECI quality enhancement grants along with Reach for the Stars grants for child care providers.

Lynette Judd spoke on the Steward's of Children program to prevent sexual abuse. The program has been presented to Winterset teachers, staff, etc. If only 5% are co-trained, significant improvement should be seen. Lynette shared statistics on sexual abuse - 1 of 4 girls and 1 of 6 boys by the age of 18.

Deb Schrader had flyers on the 3rd Annual Appreciation Reception to be held on December 5, 2013 at the Summerset Winery near Indianola. She shared that Madison County has an open position on the 4RKids board. That board meets on the third Thursday of the month. Deb stated the board would be going through the Levels of Excellence at their April meeting.

Pamela Bruce of Warren County Health spoke on the First 5 program. Pamela serves Madison, Clarke, and Warren counties. First 5 focuses on mental health for children 0-5. The program would like doctors to use standardized tools to assess mental health for each child. There will be referral forms available. Title 19 dollars will be available for the assessments. The program started on October 1, 2013.

Great discussion was held on how the various programs could work together for the benefit of all.

The meeting was adjourned.