

Warren County Early Childhood Committee

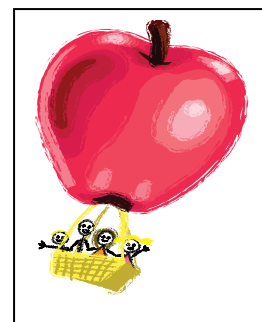
Minutes/Notes November 1, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Wells Fargo

515 N. Jefferson Way

Indianola, Iowa 50125



Attendance

Roger Netsch Val Cameron, Lizzi Beurgus, Colleen Theis, Kelly Parker, Laura Kracht, Melissa McCoy, Myra Willms, Jodene DeVault, Veronica McVay, Katrina Cummings, Beth Happe, Amy DeWard, Jovanka Westbrook, Tristin Hodges, Corinne Lambert and Debra Schrader.

Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and the agencies they serve and shared the best part of their work is.

Anger Management - Classes will be sponsored by Choices Therapy Services and starts November 7 from 6:00-7:00 PM. Contact Sharine Conner at 641-233-8879 for more information.

Get Your Grant Noticed - A training on how to get a grant noticed by the media will be November 21, 2018 from 8:30-1:00 at United Way. For more information contact rgaukel@unitwaydm.org

American Lung Association - Munchkin Child Care center in Norwalk has implemented a tobacco policy and will be reward with incentives. The Iowa Quit line has changed, and if a person has Medicaid they are to go through their MCO for assistance.

Ameri Health Caritas - The MCO has given notice to DHS that they will no longer be providing Medicaid services to families effective November 30, 2017.

5-2-1-0 - A new Iowa initiative was announced by the Governor, 5-2-1-0, 5 stands for 5 servings of fruits and vegetables, no more than 2 hours of screen time a day, 1 hour of physical activity, and 0 sugar drinks.

Overdose training - A free overdose training will be 11-28-17 from 9:00-3:30 at the Holiday Inn Airport in Des Moines.

1st Five - Veronica McVay is back from maternity leave. Welcome back!

DHS - The Iowa Department of Human Services is having an external review of the child welfare system and then will provide recommendations for possible changes.

4 R Kids Update -The 4 R Kids ECI area board will be hosting an invitation only lunch and learn and collaborating with Madison County & Grow Warren County Economic Development to bring policies makers to the table 11-14-17. The purpose of the event is to provide information how early childhood and economic development are related. There will be no annual appreciation reception this year and the lunch and learn will replace it. Deb is collecting information from local school districts on the preschool experience rate, the goal is to have 90% of kindergartens have a preschool experience.

2-1-1 Presentation- Melissa McCoy from United Way provided a presentation about [2-1-1](#). The service is provided in a 15 county region. Warren County data was shared, there were 400 calls from Warren County in the last six month and top call was regarding housing and most unmet need is transportation. Text is also available, during the latest hurricane texts were routed to United Ways 211 with over 1500 text inquiries.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is February 7, 2018 at Wells Fargo, 2nd Floor, 515 N. Jefferson Way in Indianola Iowa. There will be no December of January meeting. Future ideas for presenters are Evelyn Kay Davis Center with Partnering 4 Success, Choice, and Warren County Housing authority.