

## Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes November , 2015

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125



### **Attendance**

Janelle Peiffer, Michelle Greenough, Colleen Reisener, Kim Post, Jenny Dickenson, Nan Hamilton, Brittany Winship, Jessica Lee, Myra Willms, Dara Madigan and Debra Schrader.

### **Central Iowa Opportunity Community**

Deb updated the group on an initiative from United Way of Central Iowa. The initiative is to end poverty in the communities that are served through United Way. Areas of focus are Education and employment readiness

Housing, homelessness, and transportation; Place based, individual and systems change; Food security. There are more than 30 performance measures and aggressive goals to met in five years. Deb will be participating in the area of early childhood, specifically preschool.

### **5th Annual Appreciation Reception**

The 5th Annual Appreciation Reception will be held Thursday December 3, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 at Annelise Winery. The reception will focus on honoring each of the 4 child abuse councils, testimonials from participants in home visitation participants, preschool scholarships, dental screenings and child care programs.

### **Preschool Experience Rate**

Deb has collected data from all the school districts in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County. The average preschool experience rate for the 4 county area is 89.5% which is up 4.8% from the previous year. Warren County rate is 84.7% which is the lowest of the four counties. The goal is to have 90%. Notes of interest were 20 schools surveyed, there are 3 school districts do not receive statewide voluntary preschool funding of which all three are in Dallas County; 55% of the respondents said the collected the data from parent, 40% said from the schools data base, and 5% from the child.

### **4 R Kids Survey**

The committee reviewed the draft survey and made changes. This is the second time for the committee to review it. The plan is for each early childhood committee in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County to provide input into the survey.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10. Next meeting is February 3, 2016. There will be no meeting in December or January.