

## MADISON COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 13, 2011

Present: Bonnie Bass, Joyce Kooker, Connie Jackson, Deb Schrader, Val Cameron, Pete Skerik, Amy Kimball, Julie Lang, Kristin Fairholm, Sara Tessmer, and Becky Conrad.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bonnie Bass. Introductions were given by those present.

The minutes of the October meeting were available and were approved as written.

Deb Schrader gave a report on pre-school experiences in the counties of Adair, Madison, Dallas and Warren. Deb had data from the private and public schools in our area showing a 3.9% increase. She will have information at our next meeting concerning local indicator data. Deb stated it is required that our committee review it. This information would be helpful in securing future funding.

Julie Lang from MATURA expressed concern that conducting physicals at pre-school registrations could be done too early as the physicals are only good for one year. (Mike Wells, Winterset School Superintendent had mentioned the possibility of physicals at pre-school registrations at our meeting in October.)

Val Cameron of iSU Extension mentioned the possibility of lead screenings and dental screenings at pre-school registrations.

The After School program at Winterset Schools was scheduled to start on January 19, 2012 and Laura Scott had been hired to administer the program. The Winterset School Board had decided it should be paid on a sliding fee scale and not be free. Local agencies have agreed to volunteer once a week.

Amy Kimball mentioned that Past Joel is interested in being a member of our board. He could help with funding.

Sara Tessmer of the Family Nutrition Program has classes in Madison,

Dallas, and Warren counties. These classes are 8 sessions for 8 weeks in a row and child care is provided. Child care providers could earn 12 credits toward their CACPP designation.

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Amy Kimball reported on state ECI board. The quality improvement dollars are being reduced. The Board is looking at how to distribute the funds.

They will look at geographical areas as well as population.

The 4Rkids board has sent out letters asking for other funding.

Deb Schrader asked for volunteers to help with the Levels of Excellence. As advisory committees are a direct link to Early Childhood boards, we need 3 to 5 volunteers to conduct the evaluation. Some mentioned to possibly help were Mike Wells, Sara Tessmer, Sarah Anker, and Craig Regional director for ISU Extension.

The meeting was adjourned.