

# MADISON COUNTY ADVISORY ECI COMMITTEE MINUTES

## February 11, 2014

Present: Joyce Kooker, Deb Schrader, Lynette Judd, Janelle Peiffer, Sara Deppe, Joy Rouse, Carol Peterson, Val Cameron, Kate Honer, Janet Reutzel, and Myrna Kepford.

Introductions were made by those present.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as written.

Joy Rouse of ISU Extension announced an ECI program: Raising a Thinking Child and upcoming group parenting education opportunities.

Kate Honer, representing Warren, Madison, and Clarke counties gave an update on the First Five program. She is busy educating providers in her service area and hoping for referrals.

Lynette Judd announced that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and wanted mention in our minutes.

Lynette started discussion on possibly having joint meetings with the Child Abuse Prevention Council. It was decided we would meet at the Winterset Library meeting room with Child Abuse scheduling their meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.; then the Advisory Committee meeting from 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. starting in August, 2014. Joyce Kooker will schedule the meeting room for August, 2014; October, 2014; February, 2015; April, 2015; and possibly June, 2015. We will skip December due to the busy holiday schedule.

Deb Schrader, 4RKids Executive Director, shared preschool data collected in October. It was noted that Madison County has a 90.8% of children having a preschool experience. Deb noted that the data collected could be skewed due to what some interpret preschool experience as being.

Carol Peterson, Winterset Preschool Director stated that Winterset has free tuition and transportation. 8 busses were added this school year to provide the transportation.

Deb Schrader shared the 4 R Kids ECI Area Board updated community indicators. She also shared data on foster care, Medicaid, food assistance, and FIP that can be downloaded at the State Library of Iowa. Deb also shared state ECI uses FIP data for the early childhood funding formula, and is an unstable formula. Lynette shared information about the FIP program.

Joyce Kooker mentioned that Madison County's Toddler Fest will be held at the Winterset Elementary Gym on April 5, 2014 and invited everyone to have a table present.

Deb Schrader had a list of Madison County resources that was discussed. There were some programs no longer in existence and some that needed redefining, and some that needed to be added. Several present will update information and pass it along to Deb so she can further update the list.

On April 17, 2014 at the Adel Library from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. there will be a provider meeting with state ECI people who will be conducting a Levels of Excellence on the 4 RKids board. She provided sample questions and asked everyone to attend.

Carol Peterson stated that on March 11 and March 14 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. all preschool registrations for Winterset will be held in conjunction with kindergarten registration. This is the first time this has been held at the same time as kindergarten registration.

The meeting was adjourned.