

**Madison County Early Childhood Committee
Minutes**

Tuesday February 14, 2017

St. Paul Lutheran Church

1120 N. 8th Street

Winterset Iowa 50273

Meeting began at 5:15 and ended at 6:00

Attendance

Karen Nelson, Jean Borsch, Myra Willms, Sami Heithoff, Dawn Holt and Debra Schrader.

Legislative Update

There was a de-appropriations bill for FY17 that has been signed by the Governor, but there is still no word as to what the reductions will be for ECI.

Roll and Read

Roll and Read will replace the Madison County Toddlerfest this spring. The date has been set for April 29, 2017. The event will promote exercise and nutrition. There will be more information to follow.

Paper Tigers Update

Madison County has been successful in the showings of Paper Tigers. As of now there have been 3 showings.

Top 20 Companies

A list of the top 20 companies that receive tax credits was disseminated. The top company was Rockwell-Collins with more than \$12 million in tax credits. These tax credits could contribute to the budget shortfall in Iowa. Tax deductions for the affluent would benefit the most.

President Trumps Child Care Proposal

The child care proposal from President Trump was reviewed. There was nothing in the proposal to address quality.

4 R Kids Board Update

The board will be seeking a new board member in April, gender balance is required.

Free Clinics

A map of free clinics in Adair, Dallas, Madison, Warren and Polk was disseminated.

Meetings and Meeting Map

FY18 meeting were discussed. It was suggested that Deb contact Lynette and Veronica and see about collaborating with meetings starting in FY18. Deb will follow up and report back at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 11, 2017 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Director