

## Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

February 6, 2013

10:00

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125

### Attendance

Kim Kirkpatrick, Angie Reed, Tammy Engebrestson, Myra Willms, Janelle Stribe, Colleen Reisener, Shelly Jensen, Colleen Theis, Andrea Jimmerson, Bonnie Forsythe, Liz Young, Nannette Schroeder, Tina Gordiner, Val Cameron, Leslie Stonehocker, and Debra Schrader.

### Announcements and Information

**Lead Screening** - Andrea shared the challenges with health care professionals regarding regular testing for lead. It has been discovered that many health care providers do not follow the recommended timeline for dental screenings. It was also noted that in the Hispanic community, a treatment for stomach aches that is provided to children contains lead.

**Federal Poverty Guidelines** - The new guidelines came out in January and Val provided handouts.

**CCRR** - Connie Jackson has resigned and a new person has been hired, Cris Broshar.

**Head Start** - Head Start is currently full in Norwalk. Also they are taking applications for fall 2013.

**Legislative Update** - Information from the Child and Family Policy Center was disseminated. An update on current legislative matters was shared.

**Free Vitamins** - MedicaP is offering a free vitamin club for children ages 3-5.

**Screenings** - There will be an opportunity for families to participate in free eye, lead, dental and developmental screenings April 23 from 8:30-4:30 at First United Methodist Church in Indianola.

**Stewards of Children** - There will be a free Stewards of Children training at the First United Methodist Church February 21, 2013 from 3:00-5:30.

**2010 Iowa Child and Family Household Health Survey**- results of the Iowa survey were shared. It was noted that the survey indicated that poor children were most likely to have dental insurance versus higher income groups. More information is located at <http://ppc.uiowa.edu/health/study/iowa-child-and-family-household-health-survey-ihhs>.

**Free Phones** - Income eligible families can receive free phones through Creative Visions. For more information contact 515-962-5132.

**Warren County EC Resources** - The one pager of EC resources were reviewed and corrections made. It was noted that several agencies utilize this resource and it also assists with efforts related to QPPS.

**Community Survey**- The early childhood impact survey is being conducted and several community partners are assisting with getting families to complete it online or in hard copy form. The goal will be to have the survey results at the next meeting, as the survey is to close February 15, 2013. A big thank you to all the agencies who have assisted with the survey. The goal is to have 500 completed in a 4 county area.

**Fiscal Assessment** - The 4 R Kids ECI area is conducting a fiscal assessment to be utilized in the community plan.

**Psychology of Color** - A color analysis was disseminated.

**Mobility Matters** - On May 17, 2013 at Polk County River Place a Mobility Matters conference will be held to address transportation issues.

**Transportation** - HIRTA has expanded hours of transportation. Every Wednesday from 4:00-9:00 is the extended hours.

**Peer Review** – Partners in Family Development will have their family support credential peer review March 6-8.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15. The next meeting is March 6, 2013.