

Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

March 5, 2014

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125

Attendance

Val Cameron, Janelle Peiffer, Michelle Greenough, Jovanka Westbrook, Colleen Reisener, Shelly Jensen, Leslie Stonehocker, Angie Reed, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information

Legislation - Deb reviewed current bills. A few to watch are SF2268 and SF2270.

Child Care - additional possible child care options may be coming to Norwalk in the next few months. Crossroads Church is undergoing planning efforts to possibly open a child care center and Stepping Stones may expand and to offer infant and toddler care, currently they provide preschool and before and after school care.

1st Five - Warren County Public Health has hired a new 1st Five Coordinator, Kate Honer.

Substance Abuse - Lifeline will starting providing substance abuse services in Warren County.

Family Support - Partners in Family Development with Parents as Teachers nominated a Dallas County mother to receive the family support award.

ACES - Deb provided an update regarding potential technical assistance grants that will be out this fall that will be available to communities to address ACES.

Child Abuse Prevention - PCA Iowa is developing a child abuse prevention certification process, which Jovanka is a part of, that will include advanced coursework and competency testing. The graduate-level program will recognize and enhance the skills of family support professionals who have significant experience in the field. This project will be introduced at the 2014 Child Abuse Prevention Conference

Fundraiser - Drees Chiropractic is collaborating with the Warren County Child Abuse Council on a funding raiser.

Logo - The Warren County Empowerment logo was discussed and it was consensus of the group to utilize the logo on future agendas.

Toddlerfest - The event will be March 29 from 9:00-11:30 at the Indianola Middle school. Contact Deb Schrader for a table. The Event is free for families and providers.

Screening Day - April 1st there will be a screening day from 8:30-3:00 at the Indianola First United Methodist Church. Children will have the opportunity to have a free eye screening and evaluation. Preschool scholarship information will also be available.

EC Resource Tool - The group provided corrections and updates to the EC resource tool.

Shaken Baby Syndrome - Free training will take place March 31 from 9:45-11:00 at First United Methodist Church.

Stewards of Children - Free training May 6 from 9:00 - 11:30 at the First United Methodist Church.

Family Support - A Warren County Family Support map was provided to the group. It was noted that Unity Point Care coordinators are using this as a tool for referrals.

Dan Wardell - Adventure and Story Time will be April 5, 2014 starting at 9:30 at the Drake University Campus Olmsted Center.

LOE - Community partners were reminded about the community partner meeting April 17 from 2:30-3:30 at the adel Library. Sample questions were reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15. The next meeting is April 2, 2014.