

Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

March 6, 2013

10:00

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125

Attendance

Nicole Smith, Cris Broshar, Janelle Peiffer, Allison Moreland, Colleen Theis, Myra Willms, Jovanka Westbrook, Val Cameron, Shelly Jensen, Colleen Reisener, Bonnie Forsythe, Angie Reed, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Information

Toddlerfest - The Warren County Toddlerfest is April 6 from 9:00-11:30 at the Middle School.

Day on the Hill - The Early Childhood Iowa Day on the Hill is March 12 starting at 10:00 at the capital. The state is asking people to wear green.

Legislative Update - There is potential for a bill regarding trading early childhood funds for school ready funds; A bill for requiring audits every 3 years instead of every year, and a bill to allow 20% conflict of interest on ECI boards.

Warren County Resource Directory - Colleen shared that CPPC is updating the Warren County Resource Directory and agencies are asked to update their information.

Warren County Health Services - Stacy McClain and Andrea Jimmerson has resigned.

AAU - Jovanka shared that the AAU chapter had Senator Rob Hogue from Linn County was a guest speaker.

Peer Review – Partners in Family Development will have their family support credential peer review starting March 6-8. Several community partners are invited to participate.

4 R Kids Board update - The February board meeting was cancelled due to weather; the board is working on a policy and procedure manual and preparing for LOE.

4 R Kids Survey - The survey is now closed. There were 502 respondents with 96% of the respondents from Adair, Dallas, Madison, or Warren County. 85.9% who had a child under the age of 5. The mental health question was the most interesting as people 54.3% stating insurance coverage and cost prevent people from seeking help. Some of the questions will need to be modified and Deb will keep a list for the next time. Community partners indicated they would may use the results from the survey with other initiatives and grants.

Other assessments - The DCAT and CHNA/HIP were reviewed with the group for commonalities.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00. The next meeting is April 3, 2013.