

Madison County Early Childhood Committee Minutes

Tuesday April 8, 2014

Winterset Library
Winterset Iowa 50273

Attendance

Janet Reutzel, Janelle Peiffer, Myrna Kepford, Kris Jacobson, Kate Honer, Joyce Kooker, and Debra Schrader.

Transportation

An updated map of transportation available in Madison County as well as surrounding counties was provided.

Toddlerfest

The Madison County Toddlerfest was April 5, 2014 from 10:00-12:00 at the Winterset Elementary School. There were 78 children and 87 adults present. Additionally, 77 books were provided to children, and the total cost of the event was \$292.86 of which the 4 R Kids ECI board supported as part of their marketing plan.

4 R Kids Board

The Board is currently seeking a board member, preferably a male as it will help the Board achieve gender balance. The board has a range of board members with as small as 8 and as large as 12 with 10 positions currently filled.

The Board will go through the Levels of Excellence process on April 17th and there will be a community meeting from 2:30-3:30 at the Adel Library. The board will meet with ECI from 5:00-7:30. The Board has applied for model status.

The FY2015 Request for Renewal process has been released and it is for current contactors only.

Preschool Open House

Val updated the group on the preschool open house held March 11th and 14th. The preschool registration was for all preschools in the Winterset School District. It was noted that it was confusing due to Kindergarten registration was the same night.

Early Childhood Resource List

The group worked on updating the Early Childhood Resource list, once it updated it will be loaded on the 4 R Kids website. It was noted it would be helpful to have this go to the faith community as well as Madison County Cares.

Future Meetings

The group discussed future meetings which included future dates, locations, times as well as a change in facilitators. Deb Schrader will be in charge of organizing the meetings starting June 10. A big thank you went to Joyce Kooker for doing it for several years. The meetings will be in conjunction with CRISP Madison County Child Abuse Prevention Advisory Committee. The CRISP meeting will begin at 5:15 - 6:00 and the Early Childhood meeting will begin at 6:00-6:45. The location has also changed and will now be at Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center which is on John Wayne Drive in Winterset.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Director