

Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

May 1, 2013

10:00

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125

Attendance

Val Cameron, Allison Moreland, Janelle Peiffer, Cris Broshar, Bonnie Forsythe, Kim Kirkpatrick, Angie Reed, Liz Young, Nichole Smith, Karen Weinman, Nancy Krause, Nicole Smith, Kristi Deirking, Shelly Jensen, Sara Deppe, Debra Schrader

Announcements and Information

AEA - Nancy Kleinbour with Heartland AEA will be moving and will not be with AEA any longer.

Mental Health Redesign - Kristi Dierking provided an overview of the states mental health redesign. She provided history from SF69 fro 1995 when county mental health began. In 2012 SF2315 was passed to provide for a redesign of the current system. The new systems calls for regions and counties can self select. Warren will be joining with Greene, Guthrie, Audubon, and Warren. There will be a new board created with representatives of one board of supervisor or designee per county. The area will be called Heart of Iowa Community Services or HICS. The redesign will level the playing field with all counties so that all counties are to have equal services, for those counties that already have all those services there will be very little change. For more information about mental health redesign contact Kristi Dierking at kristid@co.warren.ia.us.

Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Grant - Warren County Public Health has applied for a 5 year grant which will include Warren, Madison, and Adair County. The awards should be posted soon. A Coalition will be established to guide the work.

Legislative Update - There is little to report. The legislature is suppose to adjourn May 3, however it looks unlikely they will get their work done before that time. There is still conversation around the possibility of trading federal EC funds for state school ready funds, but no bill has been sponsored as of yet.

Child Care In Iowa - Janelle Peiffer provided an overview of a report from Child Care Aware that rates states in regards to quality child care. Iowa ranks in the bottom ten states at number 44 for child care centers. Iowa does have one strength that all 10 health standards were met. It was noted that 61% of states scored a D and 20 state earned a failing grade. Some of the top 10 states are Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Oklahoma, and North Dakota. The number one is Department of Defense and the worst is Idaho.

4 R Kids Board Update - The board is in process of reviewing the request for renewals and will announce grants awards May 16, 2013.

Community Plan - Deb continues to work on the community plan with hopes of having a draft ready for the May board meeting.

Warren County Support Groups- The committee reviewed the support group list and will make updates and bring back to the next meeting.

County Meetings - Deb provided the group with meetings that are held within the county. A few to add are Lead Coalition, Domestic Violence, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention.

Keyboard - Deb provided a list of things you can do on your computers keyboard.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 The next meeting is June 5, 2013. There is no July meeting.