



KIDS Coalition

Minutes

5-10-17

St Paul Lutheran Church

1120 N. 8th Street

Winterset, Iowa 50273

Meeting started at 12:00 and ended at 1:30

Attendance

Mindie Bencik, Sami Heithoff, Dawn Holt, Cynthia Nitchels, Bonnie Forsyth, Lynette Judd, Veronica McVay, Myra Willms, Sarah Peterson, Rosario Manzano, Megan Bernholtz, and Debra Schrader.

Overview of Kids Coalition

This meeting is a combined meeting between 4RKIDS, CRISP- Community Resources in Service to People - and 1st Five. The goal is to efficiently and effectively deliver pertinent information to the community, regarding issues and concerns centering on children. 4RKIDS and 1st Five focus on young children, while as the Madison County Prevent Child Abuse Council, CRISP focuses on children of all ages. Members of businesses, organizations, agencies, groups, and all professions are welcome. Please bring your questions and ideas as well. Together we will encourage policy and practice changes at both county and local levels. This is the first meeting of the new format.

1st Five

- Madison County had 3 new referrals for 1st Five in April with 30 on the caseload.
- For more information about 1st Five contact Veronica McVay 515-961-1074/ veronicam@warrencountyia.org.
- A free viewing of Paper Tigers in Winterset was offered April 26th from 6:30-9:00 at the Winterset Public Library and 20 attended. There was a lot of positive feedback and teachers were very pleased with the information.
- Veronica is an ASQ trainer and is in the process of training medical providers. If anyone would like to be trained contact Veronica.

CRISP

- There will be a Parent Cafe training sponsored by DHS however it has limited slots available.
- CRISP will be having a fundraiser June 16th at History on the Hill, the Cattleman's will be grilling and a meal will be provided.
- Child abuse prevent conference was May 1-3, 2017 in Des Moines. Many felt this was one of the best conferences from PCA in a long while. Resources will be loaded on the Prevent Child Abuse website to download.
- The Roll n Read was held April 29, 2017 from 10:00-12:00 and 37 attended. This was to be an outside event, however the weather was not permitting and was moved in to the Winterset Public Library with the end being at the Fire station. The results from the survey were positive.
- It was noted that a group of Winterset high school students have engaged to provide support to victims of Human Trafficking.

4 R Kids

- Legislative language regarding flexibility for statewide voluntary preschool funding was passed this session along with elimination of categorical funding for ECI. This has provided great relief to ECI. ECI will receive funding cuts in FY18.
- The group reviewed the family support map and made updates. It was noted that the ISU Extension Family Nutrition Program will no longer be offered in Warren and Madison County. Changes will be made to the map and reposted on the website.
- A flyer was provided published by United Way regarding the metro area Farmers Market.
- MCO's -United Health Care, Amerigroup and AmeriHealth Caritas were invited to provide information about the value added benefits from Medicaid clients. Due to the rich discussion it was decided to have each MCO present at future meetings and a draft of questions will be organized to assist with conversations. United Health Care will present June 14, 2017, Amerigroup will present September 13, 2017 and AmeriHealth Caritas will present October 11, 2017. No presentation will be provided August 9th due to the Iowa State Fair.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is June 14, 2017 at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, ECI Director

*If you have any questions regarding the meetings contact
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