

Warren County Early Childhood Committee

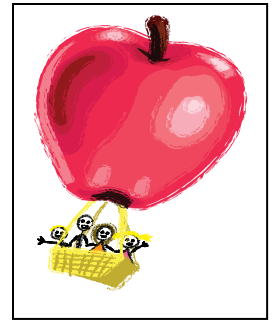
Minutes/Notes May 4, 2016

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125



Attendance

Janelle Peiffer, Michelle Greenough, Colleen Reisener, Myra Willms, Colleen Theis, Veronica McVay, Bonnie Forsythe, Jovanka Westbrook, Val Cameron, Amy DeWard, Erin Casey, Clare Celsi and Debra Schrader.

Legislative Update

The session has officially ended and the ECI bill SF2299 was passed with no opposition. However the funding flexibility bill did not pass. Advocacy will need to begin soon to be ready for the FY17 year to get the funding flexibility needed for ECI. The legislation increases appropriations for Iowa's [1st Five Initiative](#) to \$3,275,059 -- \$1,076,000 more than the initiative received in fiscal year 2016. With this additional funding, 1st Five will be operational in at least 65 Iowa counties in fiscal year 2017.

Who is running for office?

A document has been put together as to who is running for Iowa House and Senate. It is located on the website. The document has links to Facebook pages and websites. Representative Stan Gustafson (25), Representative Scott Ourth (26) and Representative Peter Cownie (42) will be up for re-election this fall.

Warren County Health and Safety Fair

The fair will be held June 9, 2016 from 3:00-6:00 on the courthouse lawn. Contact Veronica McVay at 961-1074 for more information.

1st Five

The Coalition meeting is May 17, 2016 at 12:00 at the Indianola Library. CFI will present.

4 R Kids Survey

The survey is was conducted at the Toddlerfests. Several hard copies have been returned and it will take time to get them all entered into the system. The survey link will be removed from the website May 15, 2016. The goal is to have 500 and we will most likely pass the goal.

4 R Kids Board Membership

A participant at the Warren County Toddlerfest has applied for board membership and has been accepted. Brett Elliott is from Norwalk and has a wife, 2 year old and one on the way.

Candidate for District 20

Claire Celsi is running for House District 20 which serves Warren County in the Cummings area. Claire provided the group with her background and her areas of focus if elected. For more information you may contact her at www.claire4iowa.com.

FY17 Warren County Meeting Map

The FY17 meeting map was reviewed and disseminated. This will be posted on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20. Next meeting is June 1, 2016.