

**Madison County Early Childhood Committee
Minutes**

Tuesday, August 11, 2013

St. Paul Lutheran Church

1120 N. 8th Street

Winterset Iowa 50273

Meeting began at 6:00 and ended at 6.:45

Attendance

Janet Reutzel, Janelle Peiffer, Lynette Jude, Myra Willms, Veronica McVay, Jovanka Westbrook, Hollie Fairholm, Myrna Kepford, Mindie Bencik, Julie Lang, , Cynthia Nichels, and Debra Schrader.

FY16 4 R Kids Board Update

The Board provided approximately \$1 million in funding for family support services, preschool services and child care related services. A list of funded projects was disseminated.

Child Care

Deb updated the group about the Norwalk City Planning and zoning commission in regards to special zoning rules for child care. A commission meeting took place August 10 with over 100 concerned parents and child care providers present due to the concerns with proposed zoning rules for child care homes. The commission will provide a recommendation to the Norwalk City Council September 3 in regards to changes to zoning. The discussions were healthy, but emotional. It was noted that Winterset has zoning rules for child care providers but are not regularly enforced.

Family Support Map

A Madison County Family Support Map was revamped into a more friendlier style. It is located at the [4 R Kids website](#).

CHNA/HIP

Stacey Falke, Madison County Public Health director is in the process of conducting the Community Health Needs Assessment and Health Improvement Plan. The committee meets monthly at 11:30 prior to the Madison County Cares meeting the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Sports Page. The two goals are to improve mental health awareness and resources and to decrease the percentage of 11th graders who perceived the access to alcohol, tobacco and all drugs as being easy or very easy from the current 79% to 75% (Iowa Youth survey).

Child Care Aware

A publication called [Child Care Aware](#) was shared with the group. Iowa child care data is compared to the United States.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be October 13 2015 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Director