

MADISON COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 14, 2012

PRESENT: Joyce Kooker, Bonnie Bass, Deb Schrader, Amy Kimball, Janelle Stribe, Sarah Anker, Becky Conrad, Joy Rouse and Connie Jackson.

ANNOUNCEMENT: President Bonnie Bass stated that the Library meeting room has been reserved for all of 2013 for our Advisory Committee meetings.

The minutes of the June 12, 2012 meeting were available and were approved as written.

Pre-school enrollment was discussed. All 4 year olds will have voluntary pre-school and may ride the school busses. Pre-school tuition applications are available at any Extention office and Val Cameron has a lot of marketing out there. There are over 160 4 year olds in Winterset.

Child Care Nurse Consultants had reported that many providers are no longer interested in the QRS rating. Joyce Kooker questioned why that had happened in Madison County when it was very viable in other counties. One reason was a lack of incentives such as that offered by the Reaching for the Stars program in Dallas and Warren counties. That program is funded by United Way and the Women's Leadership council. Also mentioned was lack of parental concern regarding the benefits of QRS.

Myra Willms reported she is working on a newsletter for parents.

Connie Jackson reported that more spot checks are being conducted on child care homes. Also ISU Extention does ERS checks.

Deb Schrader reported that the Prevent Child Abuse held a sub meeting with the CRISP board. They hope to apply for the full \$60,000 next year.

The meeting was adjourned.