

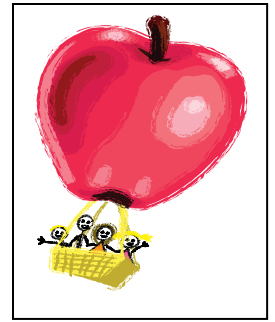
Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes September 6, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Wells Fargo

515 N. Jefferson Way
Indianola, Iowa 50125



Attendance

Lora Kracht, Jovanka Westbrook, Val Cameron, Megan Bernholtz, Karen Nelson, Myra Willms, Michelle Greenough, Brittany Smith, Dawn Holt, Mandy Vellinga, Kelly Parker, Lizzie Beurgus, Shelly Jensen, Angela Harbaur, Dacni Gabel and Debra Schrader.

Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and what team they were rooting for this weekend, Iowa or Iowa State.

Head Start

Head Start has openings at Whittier, Head Start also thanked community partners for referrals.

Child Abuse Prevention

The Council will have a fundraiser Tuesday October 3, 2017 from 4:30-9:00 at the Pizza Ranch.

EFR

EFR their goals for FY18, one goal is to have 2 child care providers and 1 multi unit housing commit to a tobacco policy.

United Health Care

UHC has put in a proposal to administration to collaborate with ECI regarding prenatal families. If the proposal goes through, family support programs may see an increase in prenatal referrals. This is a performance measure that ECI will have a higher concentration on that in years past.

Warren County Wellness

The Warren County Wellness Coalition will meet, October 4 and December 12 at 12:30 at House of Mercy. Everyone is invited to attend.

Partners in Family Development

Partners in Family Development will be part of an 18 month research project that covers Dallas, Madison, and Warren County. The project will focus on post partum depression. Moms need to be in early pregnancy and no more than 28 weeks and 16 and older to be part of the project. By participating participants can receive up to \$60 in gift cards.

Iowa Quit Line

Clients who are in a Managed Care Organization (as the majority of Medicaid patients currently are) have to go through their MCO for smoking cessation resources and can no longer utilize Quitline Iowa. The fee-for-service Medicaid population can still utilize Quitline Iowa. All clients in an MCO have to go through their MCO for smoking cessation resources starting July 1, 2017.

CCRR Data

Data was shared from CCRR regarding child care in Warren County. The population is 49,174 with 3,550 children under the age of 6 with 81% of families with all parents in the workforce. 26% of child care providers have a QRS rating 2-5.

Child Care Issues

Input was sought regarding the child care crisis in Iowa. With new businesses coming to the metro area, there will be more need for child care. Ideas were generated by the group about how to bring awareness to policy makers about the issues.

4 R Kids Update

The Board is looking for board members, preferably a male. A former Warren County Empowerment board member may be interested.

Toddlerfest

The Carlisle and Indianola Library are in conversation as to whether to have a Warren County Toddlerfest this year. 4 R Kids ECI has \$500 to support the event.

Warren County Early Childhood Services Map

The group reviewed and updated the early childhood services map. Changes are requested to be submitted to Deb by

Next Meeting

Next meeting is October 4, 2017 at Wells Fargo, 2nd Floor, 515 N. Jefferson Way in Indianola Iowa.