

**Success 4 Kids
&
Adair County Early Childhood Committee
Minutes/Notes**

Tuesday December 12 , 2017
Adair County Extension
154 Public Square
Greenfield, Iowa 50849

Meeting began at 2:00.

Attendance

Kristie Nixon, Brenda Comer, Samra Hiros, Jocelyn Blazek, Kathy Rohrig, Connie Lundy, Myra Willms, Stephanie Fluckey, Stephanie Claussen, and Debra Schrader.

Success 4 Kids

Council Treasurer Report

All FY17 payments from Prevent Child Abuse Iowa have been received. and there are no fiscal issues.

Fiscal Review

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa conducted a fiscal review of one of the contracts the Council has and received a good report.

FY17 Family Support Report

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa provided a family support annual report on the Parents as Teachers program.

Contractors Update

SWCC Parents as Teachers is serving a total of 12 families, two of which are funded by the Success 4 Kids Council. A Parenting with Pride class was taught by Trevor Phipps with 15 families attending and 10 of the 15 attended all 6 sessions. Trevor is encouraged to apply for DCAT funds to offer another class.

Tallie Rhamey is back from maternity **leave and will be starting classes in the schools at the first of the year.**

Prevent Child Abuse Needs Assessment

PCA has conducted a [needs assessment](#). There was initial confusion regarding the type of programs that are favorable and the clearing house source utilized in the report.

Future Programming

The RFP will be released sometime after the first of the year. It was discussed that continuing with current programming is a priority as well as keeping things simple in regards to an administrative point of view.

PCA Conference

The conference is April 9-11, 2018 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.

American Lung Association

Samra Hiros shared the progress on Adair County action plan/goals regarding tobacco prevention activities. See page in meeting minutes for update/status on each action plan item. O-M Bulldogs child care center had implemented a tobacco policy.

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DCAT/CPPC

There are mini-grants of \$950 available for Adair, Adams, and Union County agencies to apply for. The committee meets the 1st Thursday of the month and grants are to be in at least one week prior to that for consideration. Of the \$15,000 allocated for mini grants, approximately \$9,000 has been allocated. 24/7 Dads was a great success with 4-6 dads participating. Mobilizing Communities conference will be June 7th at the casino in Osceola.

4 R Kids Board

The Board has issued their legislative agenda which includes reinstatement of funds to the 2008 levels, don't forgot early childhood when talking about education, and that economic development plays a big role in early childhood.

MCO Collaboration

The 4 R Kids ECI area is collaborating with the two MCO's to refer prenatal parents to family support programs. It is hopeful that it can get off the ground in the spring. This could be used as a model in other ECI areas.

Preschool Experience

Preschool experience data was shared with the committee. Adair County has 92.4% preschool experience rate, the 4 R Kids area has an overall rate of 88.7%, the goal is to be at 90% in the service area.

Assessment Using ECI Service Types

The assessment conducted a few months ago was tabulated and a report provided to the committee. The top six service types were in line with what the majority of ECI boards fund.

Core Services Assessment

A compilation of the core services assessment was provided to the committee.

Data for Decision Makers

ISU Extension has updated the [Data for Decision Makers](#).

Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:10. The next meeting will be February 13, 2018 at the Adair County Extension.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, 4 R Kids Director