

## Warren County Early Childhood Committee

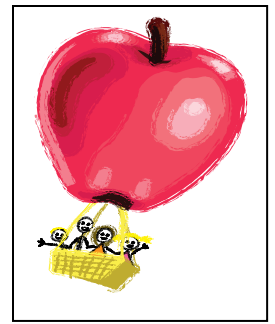
Minutes/Notes November 7, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Wells Fargo

515 N. Jefferson Way

Indianola, Iowa 50125



### Attendance

Bonnie Forsythe, Jovanka Westbrook, Val Cameron, Veronica McVay, Sarah Peterson, Lynne Wentz, Mandy Vellinga, Michelle Greenough, Myra Willms, and Debra Schrader.

### Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and shared their experience with the recent election.

**Election** - Election results were shared with the group. There were very little changes in Warren County, Representative Scott Ourth and Senator Garret was re-elected. Claire Celsi was elected as a Senator and will serve a small portion of the County that she will serve.

**Children's System State Board Strategic Plan** - A children's mental health plan is required to be submitted to the Governor by November 15th. Deb is planning an information meeting December 18th in Adel and two state board members will be facilitating the meeting.

**Children's Well Being Collaborative** - Several community partners representing Warren County attended the October 12 meeting in Ames at the Gateway Center. Deb provided information on Dark Side of the Full Moon as a strategy to address maternal depression.

**Resource Sharing Event** - Due to IMPACT having a new employee and needing to learn about the resources in Warren County, Warren County Public Health is holding a resource sharing event November 14 at 3:00 at the Grace Evangel Church in Indianola. Agencies are encouraged to attend.

**Early Head Start** - There is an opportunity for Head Start programs to expand to Early Head Start, the grant is due November 30, 2018.

**Warren County Wellness Coalition/5-2-1-0** - The Coalition meeting is today at 12:30 at the YMCA.

**4 R Kids ECI** - The 4 R Kids ECI board has released its legislative agenda.

**Preschool Experience** - Deb shared the data gathered from all the schools in the four county area. The preschool experience rate for the area is 83.8% which is lower than last year at 88.7%, the goal is 90%. Warren County had the highest rate at 90.1%

**Philanthropic Board** - The Board is looking for board members, contact Jovanka Westbrook for more information.

**MCO Collaboration** - Deb and Val met with three nurses and Brittany Smith from United Health Care regarding the MCO project. The meeting was productive and hope to see increased referrals to home visitation programs in the 4 R Kids area.

**EFR Presentation** - Mandy Vellinga provided a presentation about alcohol and marijuana use during pregnancy.

### Next Meeting

Next meeting is February 6, 2019 at Wells Fargo, 2nd Floor, 515 N. Jefferson Way in Indianola Iowa.