



KIDS Coalition Minutes

10-9-19
St. Paul Lutheran Church
1120 N. 8th Street
Winterset, Iowa 50273

Meeting started at 12:00

Attendance: Gina DeGroot, Veronica McVay, Kelly Phelps, Amy Nolan, Myra, Shannon Harris, Jodi Haley, and Debra Schrader.

Misc Announcements

- CCRR is offering informational meetings for anyone who is interested in starting a child care business. Meetings are October 22 at 6:00 at the Waukee Community Church in Waukee and October 1 at 6:00 at the Norwalk Public Library in Norwalk.
- CRISP is selling nuts and candy for their annual fundraiser, contact Amy Nolan crisp@familyresourcelink.org for more information. Orders and payment are due by October 16th to the CRISP office at 210 W. Green St., Winterset. Product will be delivered before Thanksgiving.
- CRISP is working on the annual Christmas 4 Kids project. Anyone interested in adopting a family contact the CRISP office.
- October 26th is Take Back Prescription Drug Day.
- Madison County Population data was reviewed, the population has increased 13.7% from 2000 to 2018. East Peru and Macksburg saw a drop in population of 22.4% and 25.7% respectively. The 0-5 population has changed very little and is steady since 2009 to 2017 with around 1300 children.

1st Five

- Veronica provided a comprehensive overview of what 1st Five is and is not.
- Veronica McVay provided an update on referrals for 1st Five, there are no new referrals at this time. Training is underway with health providers in usage of the ASQ.

Prevent Child Abuse Madison County

- Crisis Intervention and Advocacy Center will be Nurturing Health Sexual Development training to anyone that is interested. The KIDS Coalition would be an ideal audience to provide a training. The goal is to provide 20 trainings in Madison County. It was discussed to have Blank Hospital attend a training in Madison County.
- Crisis Intervention has assisted with leadership and Council officers have been identified and plan to meet on a regular basis. Officers are Katie Sullivan, Valerie Utsler, and Ashley Pruitt.
- Naomi has drafted a public awareness and marketing plan for the council and members provided input.
- Future planning for the RFP was discussed. The previous RFP had four areas to apply for, family support, crisis care, sexual abuse prevention and community development.
- A memorandum for FY21 was required to be signed by the Council and Community Partnerships for Protecting Children. The Council will be the legal applicant for the funding.

4 R Kids

- The board is looking for board members for Adair and Warren County.
- State ECI conducted a statewide early childhood needs assessment, the findings were that access to child care is the biggest issue, word of mouth is how parents learn about child care openings and information from providers is where they learn about other services.
- The 4 R Kids Board will be reviewing indicators at their December meeting and input is being sought from the early childhood committees regarding a possible change. The unemployment rate has been tracked for several years and has become an indicator that is not as relevant as it once was. The % of families with both parents in the workforce with children under age 6 is more relevant to the area. It was consensus of group to change the indicator.
- The 4 R Kids Board will be going through Designation next year and information was shared regarding the process. Community Partners will be invited to attend a community meeting.
- The 4 R Kids ECI board will be sponsoring a community meeting December 17, 2019 from 12:00-1:00. Dave Stone advocacy officer with United Way of Central Iowa will be the guest speaker. RSVP is required by contacting Deb Schrader.
- Child care assistance data was shared, Madison county families received \$328,607 in child care assistance funding with July being the highest month.
- Child Care Resource and referral provided a presentation on child care data for FY19. The QRS ratings for Madison County are 41.4% and the state of Iowa is 24.8%. It was noted the child care center in St. Charles has closed.

Presentation

A Nurturing Health Sexual Development training will be provided at the next meeting. CIAC, 4 R Kids and 1st Five will collaborate together to provide a Charcuterie board for attendees.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is November 13, 2019 at 12:00 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church.
Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader