

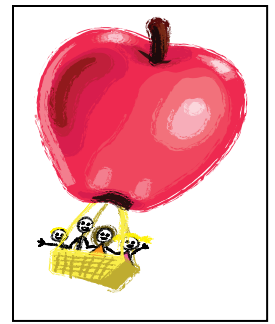
## Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes November 6, 2019

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Indianola, Iowa 50125



### Attendance

Sheena Sullivan, Myra Willms, Jodene DeVault, Michelle Greenough, Rachel Bardwell, Kim Post, Nikki Gunn, Josie Redman, Kimberly Puetz, Tom Lowe, Nicole Smith, Katie Kresling, and Debra Schrader.

### Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and what was their least favorite food as a child.

**Library Resources** - Some libraries in Iowa provide a service through Kanopy where you can download 10 videos free of charge. It was also discovered that some libraries offer free passes to different venues, such as the Zoo and Science Center.

**Warren County Wellness Coalition** - The Coalition meeting is the 1st Wednesday of the month at 11:45 at the YMCA. Everyone is invited to attend.

**4 R Kids ECI Board** -The board is looking for board members, there is an application at [www.4rkids-eci.org](http://www.4rkids-eci.org) for anyone who is interested. The 4 R Kids ECI board will be reviewing indicators and input was sought from the group regarding eliminating the unemployment indicator and adding parents in workforce with children under 6. This is more representative and aligns with the goals of the board. It was consensus to recommend this change to the board.

**Preschool Experience Data**- Deb shared the data collected from all school districts in Adair, Dallas, Madison and Warren county regarding the preschool experience rate. The average for the four counties was 84.3% and the 4 R Kids goal is 90%. The lowest preschool experience rate by school district was 64.9% and the highest was 100% from five school districts.

**Assessment** - Early Childhood Iowa has completed a statewide needs assessment. Access to child care was the most significant concern for parents as well as providers.

**Project Launch** - IDPH has received a SAMHSA federal grant of \$3,821,013 over 5 years to address behavioral health issues with children under the age of 8. Drake University Head Start will be a recipient of the grant and is in the process of hiring two therapists and one family engagement specialist. The grant is also to address infant and early childhood mental health in Iowa.

**Advocacy** - The 4 R Kids board is providing a lunch and learn opportunity December 17, 2019 at Wells Fargo from 12:00:00 with guest speaker Dave Stone from United Way of Central Iowa. RSVP is required by contacting Deb Schrader. Additionally there is a Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area boards that individuals or business can belong to, contact McKinley Bailey 515-602-6371 for more information.

**EFR Assessment** - Nikki Gunn provided the group with an assessment conducted primarily around methamphetamine.

### Next Meeting

There will not be December or January meeting. The next meeting is February 5, 2020 at 10:00 at Wells Fargo.