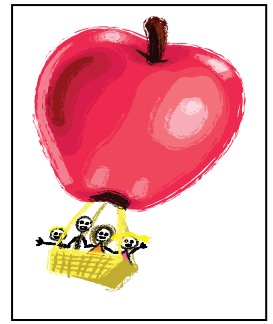


**Warren County Early Childhood Committee**  
Minutes/Notes February 5, 2020  
10:00 A.M.  
515 North Jefferson Way  
Indianola, Iowa 50125



**Attendance**

Myra Willms, Michelle Greenough, Kim Post, Nikki Gunn, Kelly Phelps, Betsy Stursma, Colleen Theiss, Lynn Wentz, Bonnie Forsyth, and Val Cameron.

**Introductions**

Attendees introduced themselves and what is your favorite activity about your job.

**Announcements**

**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. Adair & Warren spots open. A male would be preferable.

**EFR Assessment** - Nikki Gunn needs participants for Warren County assessments. 5 priority areas, data will be used for next 5 year plan

**Purple & Gold**- Registration opens week of February 20 for 2020-2021 school year

**CAP- 24/7 Dad** will start in March, Learn & Play continues in Norwalk through April, interest in WOW Café with Indianola Community Church

**Legislative Update**-ACES 1 hour training, childcare tax credit, extending preschool date, expanding private partnership with childcare. Reviewed ECI priorities- restore funding, support childcare crisis and children's behavioral health system

**Poverty Guidelines** – Reviewed the new FY 20 Federal Poverty guidelines

**Update on mental health services**- Betsy responded to the Condition of the State address regarding no funding to regions but services will begin July 1, 2020. 1 cent sales tax part for the children's behavioral health system and other for water quality would add 3 mil total state system. This would lower property tax. Children's Advisory Board has 2 Warren reps. Seeking another parent and a pediatrician. Transition plan due April 1 to the state. Identify children's providers in the 11 counties by July1, 2021 to access standards. Sliding fee scale up to 500% FPL. Expansion of tele-psych

**Your Life Iowa**- EFR will offer to any groups a free presentation on the website. Presentation provided at future EC meeting.

**FY20 Meeting Schedule** - Distributed FY 21 meeting schedule

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is March 5, 2020 at 10:00 at Wells Fargo.