

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

Tuesday April 14, 2020  
Held by Electronic Means - Zoom

**Meeting began at 2:00.**

**Attendance**

Stephanie Claussen, Lisa Carstens, Dawn Walton, Kristie Nixon, Val Cameron, Michelle Greenough, Courtney Neal, Deb Blazek and Debra Schrader

**Covid-19 Response**

Attendees shared what their agency is doing in regards to Covid-19 response. Everyone is social distancing.

**Announcements**

- DCAT/CPPC still has \$950 mini grants for agencies to apply for.
- There is one Covid-19 case in Adair County.
- Adair County Health Systems has completed the CHNA/HIP and more information will be released soon.
- Nodaway Valley applied for the Shared Visions grant and was awarded funding.
- Toddlerfest scheduled for Monday April 13, 2020 from 5:0-7:00 at the Elementary school was cancelled.
- The Food pantry in Greenfield has been very busy and uses \$1,000 a week in groceries.

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**Treasurers Report**

No changes to the account.

**FY20 Contractor Update**

SWCC Parents as Teachers provided an update on the families served, there were 59 home visits completed. Visits are no being conducted virtually due to the pandemic. The program has received the Family Support Re-credential and is also a PAT Blue Ribbon Affiliate program, which is the 6<sup>th</sup> program in the state to receive this status.

**Public Awareness**

Due to the pandemic many of the planned activities are on hold or will be cancelled. However some marketing will be done through Facebook and the newspapers.

**FY21 Grant**

Stephanie submitted the Prevent Child Abuse Iowa grant on behalf of the Success 4 Kids Council for sexual abuse prevention at \$10,000 and home visitation \$20,000. Award notices were received and the home visitation grant was not awarded funds, the sexual abuse prevention grant was awarded at \$9,580. The scores and comments were requested and received from DHS on the home visitation grant. It was obvious that the readers are not schooled in how the Council operates in rural areas.

**Early Childhood Committee**

**4 R Kids Board**

The Board is seeking two board members, preferably male, to serve Adair County. Contact Deb Schrader if you know of someone at [4rkidseci@gmail.com](mailto:4rkidseci@gmail.com).

**Community Plan – Strengths and Weakness**

The 4 R Kids Community plan is being updated to prepare for designation that will happen in FY21. The committee provided input regarding Adair County strengths and weakness. Much of the same strengths and weakness from the previous assessment still remain, excluding Covid-19 challenges. Attendees noted that collaboration was top on the list as it is second nature for a rural area. There was discussion regarding high quality child care preschool, and compared to the CCRR region in regards QRS ratings or other quality measures, Adair ranks fairly high. In regards to challenges, transportation continues to be challenge, limited availability of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shift child care as well as quality child care capacity. There is attention for the first time at the legislative level regarding child care, there still lacks movement on solving the issues.

**Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 3:10. The next meeting will be June 9, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m. at the Adair County Extension office or electronically. Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, ECI Director