

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes
By Zoom
10:30am -11:45pm
Wednesday September 24, 2020

Meeting Handouts

A [Dallas County Meeting Folder](#) has been implemented for meeting handouts and other agency information. Go [here](#) to access the information and it is open to the public. Meeting agendas and minutes are located at www.4rkids-eci.org.

Attendance and Introductions

Kirsten Johnson (American Lung Association), Myra Willms (ISU Extension), Kelly Phelps (CCRR), Michelle Greenough (CCRR), Karen Goff (Broadlawns), Alyssa Barton (LSI), Hannah Vander Kopsa (CIAC), Erin Juhl (Zion), Dawn Walton (Zion), Amy Orr (Zion), Val Owens (ISU Extension), Jeanette Luthringer (Every Step), Stephanie Redding (CIAC), Vivian Aldridge (Dallas County Public Health), Damon Clark (Zion), Deb Franz (Juvenile Court) Danielle Johnston (The Short Years Partnership) Cherie Swanson (YSS FaDSS), Joy Greer (The Family Connection) Erin Steffensen (Zion) Christina Schalk (New Opps Head Start) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids ECI).

Agency Sharing

- Dawn Walton with Zion handed out and presented information on marijuana and prescription medication.
- Michelle Greenough and Kelly Phelps with CCRR reported there is CARES funding available for child care providers, Child Care Ready (fast track to child care registration) is now available.
- Stephanie Redding with CIAC reported they are extremely busy with the crisis side of work.
- Cherie Swanson reported YSS has slots available for FaDSS.
- Kirsten Johnson reported she is looking for health care providers that are interested in tobacco education and prevention.
- Myra Willms with ISU Extension reported infant and early childhood mental health consultation is underway for child care providers.
- Val Cameron with ISU Extension reported there are preschool tuition scholarships available and currently there are 40 children receiving assistance.
- Karen Goff with Broadlawns reported that WIC participants can either be supported virtually or in person.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The Board has two open positions on the board, contact Deb for more information.
- Deb reported the FY22-FY26 [4 R Kids ECI community plan](#) has been posted on the 4 R Kids website. The majority of the changes were in updating the data. Priorities did not change.
- Deb reported the FY20 [annual report and executive summary](#) is posted on the website.
- Michelle Greenough provided a presentation of the [FY20 CCRR](#) data. Dallas County QRS rate is 18.6% compared to the CCRR region at 30.5% and state rate 28.2%. The ChildNet rate is 22%, the 14% CCRR region rate, 16% state rate. Overall the data did not change much from the previous year.
- Karen Goff with Broadlawns provided a presentation regarding the proposed changes to service areas for WIC, 1st Five, and other services. One a big change is it will only be required to provide WIC 1 day a month, currently services are provided multiple days in Dallas County. Feedback is sought by emailing MCH@idph.iowa.gov by September 29, 2020.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- Dena Owens has resigned as the DCCAC President and Val Cameron will be the new President.
- CIAC is in the process of planning for sexual abuse prevention programming and will be conducting trainings virtually.
- The Council is required to provide two Connection Matters training to the community each year and are in the planning stages.
- Currently there is \$2,338 of discretionary funding in the DCCAC budget. This may assist with expenses with Connections Matters training.

Generation Wellness Update/Information

- Damon Clark provided a presentation regarding the assessment that was completed in FY21. This will drive the work over the next five years.

Next meeting: October 28, 2020 at 10:30 and most likely will be held virtually.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader

