

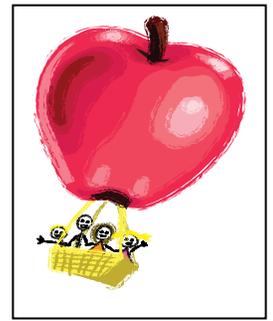
## Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes November 4, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Virtual Meeting by Zoom

Meeting handouts are located [here](#).



### Attendance

Brenda Woods, Michelle Greenough, Veronica McVay, Val Cameron, Nikki Gunn, Bonnie Forsythe, Mihelle Greenough, Betsy Stursma, Sarah Reiss and Deb Schrader.

### Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and provided input to what pandemic related need surprised them.

The committee thanked Warren County Public Health for the usage of the Zoom subscription for the meeting and thanks to Warren County Cares for the collaboration on meetings.

### COVID-19 Resources

There is federal CARES funding for assistance up to \$2,000 per person for utilities and applications are to be made online no later than 11-21-20. For more information go [here](#).

There is CARES funding for county fairs.

### 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. A male would be preferable.
- The Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Board and Advocates is finishing the last touches on the legislative agenda and it will be shared at a later date.
- The preschool experience rate is currently being collected from all school districts in the 4 county area, at this time Warren County's rate may be close to 90%, the goal is 90%.

### Other

- Betsy Stursma provide an update on the federal CARES funding that is available through CICS, applications are found on line at CICS website. Additionally CICS is working on a work plan.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Five had 4 new referrals; there will also be an ASQ training for health care providers.
- EFR is working a "responsible gifting campaign" and sought input from the group where marketing could be done.
- The ACEs report is available and is now broken down by regions and not by specific county data.
- The presidential Election was 11-3-20 and the election has yet to identify a president, President Donald Trump or Vice-President Joe Biden. Other results were; Senator Joni Ernst will retain her Federal Senate seat; Brooke Boden beat incumbent Representative Scott Ourth for house district 26; Representative Stan Gustafson will retain house district 25 and Representative Kristin Sunde will retain house district 42.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting is February 3, 2021.