

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes
By Zoom
10:30am -12:00 pm
Wednesday February 24, 2021

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), Karen Goff (Broadlawns), Hannah Vander Kopsa (CIAC), Damon Clark (Zion), Jeanette Luthringer (Every Step), Rachel Bardwell (The Short Years Partnership), Erin Juhl (Zion), Debb Franz (Juvenile Court), Penny Estra (The Short Years Partnership), Lynn Jenkins (Every Step), Val Cameron (ISU Extension), Amanda McCall (Zion), Kyra Sorensen (Every Step), Jenny Felt (DCAT/CPPC) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids ECI).

COVID-19 Resources

There is [pandemic unemployment assistance](#) to help cover lost wages in the event people are laid off or unpaid during COVID quarantine or other pandemic related challenges. Iowa Workforce Development is in charge of the federal program. There is housing assistance available and legal aid assistance, contact CIAC for more information.

Agency Sharing

- Damon Clark with ZION Recovery Services is now known as ZION Integrated Behavioral Health Services. Thank you everyone to listening to our facts on marijuana and prescription drugs. We have completed six presentations to 100 participants on the dangers of marijuana as well as prescription drug use.
- Myra Willms announced that childcare mini grants will be available and will focus on childcare providers that take child care assistance.
- Amanda McCall with Zion can provide psycho stimulant training with a focus on 1st responders.
- Erin Juhl with Zion can provide mental health support to anyone due to COVID related challenges and will be paid with federal COVID recovery funding.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The Board has one open position in Dallas for the board, contact Deb for more information.
- The preschool experience data was reviewed, Dallas County had an 88.8% preschool experience and the 4 county average was 89.1%.
- Deb provided an overview of childcare bills, child abuse prevention bills and odd bills.
- Karen Goff provided an overview of the changes with the collaborative areas for the Title V grant which consists of 1st Five, WIC, MCH and adolescent health. Dallas County is now grouped with Polk County.
- Deb shared the Medicaid births for Dallas County, in 2019 the rate was 17.9% which is the second lowest in the state, the state average is 40.6%.
- The FY22 meeting calendar was reviewed and the meeting dates mirror FY21. It was consensus of the attendees to continue with electronic meetings until the fall and then re-asses meeting face to face. Waukee Church of Hope is open for meetings and precautions are to be taken in order to meet face to face. Generation Wellness was discussed and due to inactivity this will be taken off future agendas.
- Deb updated the group regarding the Heart of Iowa Children's Behavioral Health advisory committee.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- To date \$6,306.47 expended on child abuse prevention programming offered by CIAC.
- Overcoming Barriers and Nurturing Health Sexual Development training will be offered in March.
- Connections Matter training will be offered April 6th. More information will be out soon.
- Many child abuse awareness activities are planned for April (trainings, blue out day, fundraisers, proclamation etc)

The next meeting is 3-24-21 at 10:30 by Zoom. Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader