

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

Tuesday February 9, 2021
Held by Electronic Means - Zoom

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Meeting began at 2:00.

Attendance

Kristie Nixon, Val Cameron, Kelly Phelps, Lisa Carstens, Dawn Walton, Michelle Greenough, Kirsten Johnson, Courtney Neal, Amanda McCall, Shelly Marsdens, and Debra Schrader.

Covid-19 Update

None to report

Announcements and Agency Updates

- DCAT/CPPC – There is \$995 mini grant available from CCPC funding.
- The 2020 federal poverty guidelines have been released.
- Lisa Carstens, prevention specialist with ZION Integrated Behavioral Health Services informed us of this year's media plan to promote the IDPH approved media campaign, [1-800-BETSOFF](#). They plan to promote it via radio, newspaper, podcasts, Vlog and through store retailers. They are also planning to do prevention work on sports betting during March Madness. She asked if the group had any other suggestions on places they could provide resources or share materials. One suggestion given was to talk to the banks about sending information with printed statements.
- Amanda McCall reported that opioid deaths are on the rise in Iowa.
- DHS is increasing the federal funding for child care stipends starting in February.
- IDPH issued a new proposed collaborative service areas for WIC, I-Smiles, 1st Five and MCAH.

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No update.

Early Childhood Committee

4 R Kids Board

- The board has two new Adair County board members, Tammy Walk and Brittany Shinn.
- The board went through the designation process and is recommended to be re-designated effective July1, 2021 and is good for 4 years.
- Improvements have been made the 4 R Kids website with the assistance of a SWCC student.
- Child Care Assessment – data was shared regarding the number and percentages of loss of child care development homes and unregistered child care homes from 2014-2019. There was a 60% loss of child care development homes in that time period.

Legislation

The group reviewed several child care bills and other bills of interest.

FY22 Meeting

The group reviewed the FY22 meeting schedule; it mirrors the current year's schedule and will plan to meet virtually until further notice.

Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 2:45. The next meeting will be April 13, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m. respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, ECI Director