



# Warren County Cares Coalition

Community agencies and members coming together to share local updates, programming, and news to support the overall health, well-being, and quality of life in Warren County, IA.



## Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2021

10:00AM-11:30AM

Zoom Meeting

### • **Members Attending (26):**

- Michelle Anderson – CFI Domestic Violence
- Haley Broich
- Val Cameron – ISU Extension/CAP Warren
- Jodene Devault – Public Health
- Amy Duncan – Online Newspaper
- Sarah Gibson - CPPC
- Nichole Gunn – EFR
- Diane Hernandez - CFI
- Abby Holt – EFR
- Allison Kupka – EFR
- Devon Leslie - IMPACT
- Rodger Netch – We Life
- Kelly Phelps – Child Care Resource and Referral
- Cristy Porter – CFI
- Kim Post – Indianola Schools
- Joe McQuerry – EFR
- Veronica McVay – Public Health/1<sup>st</sup> Five
- Gabbie Ruggiero – EFR
- Debra Schrader – 4 R Kids ECI Director
- Penny Seidenkranz - EFR
- Betsy Stursma - CICA
- Jana Tanner – Central Iowa Works
- Myra Willms - ISU
- Sue Wilson – Helping Hand
- Brenda Wood-Clark

### • **Welcome**

### • **Presentation**

- Abby Hold, Social Host

### • **Coalition Updates:**

- Agenda accepted
- Last month's minutes accepted and filed
- Subgroup Updates:
  - 4 R Kids Early Childhood Committee (Debra Schrader)
  - 2020 child abuse data was shared with the group; there were 116 children abused/neglected this is an increase from the previous year of 180. 54.3% of the 116 were under the age of 5 which is a 9.9% increase.
  - There will be a car seat safety learning opportunity June 4th from 12:00-1:00 conducted by Zoom.
  - Child care appreciation day is May 7th.
  - There is funding available through CCRR called Investing in Iowa's Child Care Program (IICC) and providers can apply for up to \$750,000 for startup, expansion and/or urgent regulatory matters. Providers will be required to meet with a CCRR consultant.

- There will be early learning take home kits for children under the age of 5 available at all Warren County libraries this summer supported by the 4 R Kids Board.
- The Iowa Legislature was to adjourn on 4-30-21, however they are still in session. There was a plethora of child care bills initiated this year, however only 2 bills are possible for passage. The House Education budget bill has an increase of \$250,000 for ECI and the Senate Education budget has a \$540,000 increase as well as some language change.
- On April 30, 2021 the Governor has extended the proclamation for another 30 days for boards and commissions to continue to meet electronically. Other items were also extended.
- Domestic Violence Subgroup (Michelle Anderson)
  - No Updates this month!
- Hunger Free Warren County (Sue Wilson)
  - Previous Months Meeting Minutes in google drive
  - Helping Hand Update: USDA Food and Milk Boxes will continue through May 26th, then the federal program is planned to end unless a different program comes through. Community can receive boxes on Wednesdays at Helping Hand from 6-8pm. I-35 May 12th, SEW May 19th and other smaller deliveries into our communities.
  - We are so excited to announce that our clients get to shop for their food and get to choose what they like and know how to cook. The client feedback has been very positive and each client gets to have their own volunteer and open discussions on other needs they may have so we can start prevention and action right away instead of waiting until they are in a place that is hard climbing out of.
  - We are constantly changing some of the inside of our facility to make it more functional and working hard at solving the problem of people dumping their donations all over our sidewalk.
  - We have had several conversations with different convenience stores and grocery stores for more places for food rescue and we have plans to move the food recovery that is currently in the schools to senior places and smaller communities during the summer.
  - We are gearing up our delivery and transportation team for food this summer and get into the pockets of Warren County.
  - We are also starting to bring more resources to The Helping Hand so we can help our community and clients find the foundational gaps and get them connected and then use volunteers as accountability partners.
  - We are excited where we are headed and will always help get information and events out to people as we continue to find the best way to communicate to people.
- **Integrated Provider Network Grant Update:**
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- **Member Updates:**
  - Val Cameron - ISU Extension/CAP Warren

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  - Gabbie Ruggiero – SOR Grant
    - Gabbie Ruggiero, Employee & Family Resources State Opioid Response Grant Coordinator: Through a State Opioid Response overdose prevention grant for Warren and Polk Counties, I am providing trainings on trauma-informed care for first responders, opioid use and misuse prevention, and psychostimulant (including meth) use for any social service and healthcare professionals interested (see the flyers in the minutes). I can also work with folks that use(d) drugs and/or are in recovery and anyone in their support system on similar topics. These trainings would be done live virtually or in person starting April 26 following CDC COVID safety guidelines. They could easily be integrated with regular staff development, staff meetings, and/or client support groups. Please reach out if you are interested in any of these topics for your staff or clients, or if you know of someone I should reach out to directly, and we can discuss your needs and find information that's right for you: [gruggiero@efr.org](mailto:gruggiero@efr.org) or 515-471-2361.
- **Other Business**
  - Warren County Community Partners Meeting for COVID updates are happening, if interested in attending please reach out.

**Next Meeting:**

- When: March 3rd @ 11:00AM
- Where: Wells Fargo Building, 5154 North Jefferson way or virtually

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