

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes

By Zoom

10:30am -12:00 pm

Wednesday May 26, 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

Steve Scott (Scott Consulting), Vivian Aldridge, Ann Cochran (Dallas County Public Health), Celeste Borts (Zion), Darci Alt (Heartland of Iowa), Myra Willms (ISU Extension), Val Cameron (ISU Extension) Kelly Phelps (CCRR), Jeanette Luthringer (Every Step), Kyra Sorensen (Every Step), Deb Seeman (The Short Years Partnership), Debb Franz (Juvenile Court), Michelle Greenough (CCRR), Dawn Walton (ZION), Christina Schalk (New Opportunities) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids ECI).

COVID-19 Information and Resources

The Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

<https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>

1st Five Assessment/Evaluation

Steve Scott who is contracted with Common Good conducted an assessment/evaluation of the 1st Five program. This is one of two community meetings that will be conducted in the state. A report will be available in the next few months.

Heartland of Iowa

Darcy Alt provided an overview of the changes with funding due to legislative action. Funding will come from the state's general fund and not property taxes.

Future Meetings

A draft of FY22 meetings was discussed by attendees. The Church of Hope is allowing in person meetings. It was consensus to have meetings in person starting in September and have Zoom meetings for some of the winter months.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The Board has one open position in Dallas for the board, contact Deb for more information.
- The Board has announced the funding awards. For a list of programs go to www.4rkids-eci.org.
- ECI will be receiving a 2.4% increase which mirrors the supplemental state aid for K-12 schools; change from 3% to 5% for administration; language change regarding the fiscal assessment.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- Child abuse data from 2020 (calendar year) there were 131 children abused of which 38.9% were under the age of 5.
- Val provided an update on the fundraising and marketing efforts where done in March. Fundraisers Hy-vee donut raised \$200 and Pizza for Prevention raised \$68. Debb Franz assisted with news releases and other efforts.
- Val provided an update regarding programming offered by CIAC, of the \$24, 047 to date \$11,322.50 has been expended. They will be offering incentives to the community to attend the trainings.
- Connections Matter training will be provided on June 7th from 9:00-4:00.

The next meeting is 6-23-21 at 10:30 by Zoom. Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader