



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

June 6, 2021

10:00AM-11:30AM

Zoom Meeting

- **Members Attending (19):**

- Nichole Gunn
- Diane Hernandez
- Christy Porter
- Debra Schrader
- Denise Kalbus
- Haley Broich
- Haley Pederson
- Sue Wilson
- Joe McQuerry
- Kaitlin McClain
- Kelly Phelps
- Louise Peitz
- Lynn W
- Michell Chiri-Greenough
- Myra Willms
- Sarah Gibson
- Sheena Sullivan
- Val Cameron
- Veronic McVay

- **Welcome**

- **Presentation**

- Diane Hernandez, Children and Families of Iowa

- **Coalition Updates:**

- Agenda accepted
- Last month's minutes accepted and filed
- Subgroup Updates:
 - 4 R Kids Early Childhood Committee (Debra Schrader)

- HF 868, the Education Appropriations Bill passed both the House and the Senate and was sent on May 19, 2021 to the Governor to await her signature. She has 30 days to sign it or veto it.
- Based on the work of Association they were excited to announce that it contains a funding increase of 2.4% the same percentage received by the K-12 system this year. It amounts to a total increase of \$546,000, this is the largest increase in funding to Early Childhood Iowa since FY 2007. This amounts to about \$26,000 to the 4 R Kids ECI area. Additionally, the bill raises the school ready administration cap from 3% to 5%. On top of that the bill eliminates the funding estimate

portion of the fiscal assessment in the community planning process. All the details are in the attached amendment.

- The 4 R Kids ECI board has awarded \$1.2 million in grant funds. To find out who received funds go [here](#)
- Iowa Child Care Aware has posted their report, go [here](#) for more information.
- Domestic Violence Subgroup (Michelle Anderson)
 - No Updates this month!
- Hunger Free Warren County (Sue Wilson)
 - See notes saved to google drive
- **Integrated Provider Network Grant Update:**
 - The IPN Grant is getting close to it's grant year ending, July 31. We are working on wrapping up programming across the county. At this time, we are in dire need of businesses who are interested in updating their Drug Free Workplace Policy or creating a new one if they do not have one. Please contact Nikki Gunn at ngunn@efr.org if you know of any businesses who would benefit from this free service.
- **Member Updates:**
 - Julie Miller
 - Here's an update from the WIC Program: We will be seeing people in person again (WOOHOO!), effective July 1st. We'll be in clinic in Indianola July 7, 20, & 21; Norwalk on July 26; and Carlisle on July 27th. Also, as of June 1st, each family gets \$35 per family member to spend on fresh or frozen fruits & veggies @ the store. ☐We're super excited about these updates!
- **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

Contact Information:

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- 4R Kids Early Childhood Committee: 4rkidseci@gmail.com
- Hunger Free Warren County (Subgroup): Terie terie.wolf@unitedwaydm.org or Sue warrencountyhelpinghand@gmail.com
- Domestic Violence (Subgroup): Michelle MichelleA@cfiowa.org