

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

Tuesday June 8, 2021

Held by Electronic Means - Zoom

A [Google Folder](#) has been implemented that contains handouts and other information.  
Access the information by going [here](#).

**Meeting began at 2:00.**

**Attendance**

Kristie Nixon, Kelly Phelps, Lisa Carstens, Dawn Walton, Kirsten Johnson, Amanda McCall, Connie Lundy, Myra Willms, James Larson, Jocelyn Blazek, Stephanie Claussen and Debra Schrader.

**Covid-19 Update**

There are funds available to assist with broadband internet for low income through the FCC.

Adair County has a 1.1% positive rate over the last 14 days.

Vaccines are available at public health Monday, Wednesday and Friday and available at NuCara Pharmacy Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

**FY22 Meetings**

A draft of the FY22 meetings and locations were discussed. As locations open up future meetings will be held in person. Meeting locations were discussed. In the past ISU Extension was the meeting location, however the room is small and social distancing would be difficult to maintain. The Corner has been sold to Talli Ramey and this could be a potential meeting location. The winter months, meetings could be held via ZOOM.

**Announcements and Agency Updates**

- Stephanie will be the new Public Health Director upon Jane Ernst's retirement.
- Adair County Public Health has their own Facebook page.
- The "Corner" Has been sold to Talli Ramey.
- CIAC is having their annual garage sale June 10-12<sup>th</sup> at the Dallas County Fairgrounds.

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- Stephanie reported that the current contract with Prevent Child Abuse Iowa is automatically renewed for FY22.
- No report from Crisis Intervention & Advocacy.

**Early Childhood Committee**

CPPC/DCAT – Jocelyn reported that the back pack program will be offered again this fall. The requests for the \$950 mini grants were low for FY21.

**4 R Kids Board**

- The board has announced grant awards on May 18, 2021. A list of award winners is at 4rkids-eci.org. There was one new program funded, one program did not apply for funds that originally does.
- The board plans to release an RFP in the fall for a pilot program to increase prenatal enrollments in family support programs that will produce positive family outcomes.
- A list of professional development activities funded by state ECI was reviewed.
- There is federal funding available for child care providers through CCRR.

**Legislation**

The group was provided with an overview of bills that were passed. ECI will receive a 2.4% increase in funds for FY22, additionally some cumbersome language was modified.

**Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00. The next meeting will be August 10, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m. respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, ECI Director.