



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

July 7, 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**

- Cheryl Garland, Integrative Counseling Solutions

- **Coalition Updates:**

- Agenda accepted
- Last month's minutes accepted and filed
- Subgroup Updates:
 - 4 R Kids Early Childhood Committee (Debra Schrader)
 - Warren County will receive \$9.9 million in Corona State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Larger cities will also receive funding such as West Des Moines at \$7.7 million and Des Moines at \$94.8 million. The funds are to address one or more of the following:
 - Support public health response
 - Address the negative economic impacts of public health emergency
 - Serve the hardest hit communities/families
 - Replace lost public sector revenue
 - Provide premium pay for essential workers
 - Invest in water and sewer infrastructure
 - Invest in broadband infrastructure

- The 4 R Kids ECI board will release an RFP in Collaboration with Quad Counties 4 Kids for a Prenatal Advantage Pilot Program this fall. The intent is to improve birth outcomes as well as increase referrals to ECI family support programs.
- 2020 Child abuse data was reviewed, Warren county has 63 children under the age of 5 and 53 over the ages 6-17 and ranks 78th in state on rate of abuse.
- Medicaid birth data was reviewed, 24.6% of 2019 births were paid by Medicaid. The highest percentage was Woodbury County at 63.2%.
- Warren County population data was reviewed, Currently the Warren County population is 52,370 which is a growth of 452 from the previous year.
- Domestic Violence Subgroup (Michelle Anderson)
 - No Updates this month!
- Hunger Free Warren County (Sue Wilson)
 - Just a brief email with our Back to School Supply and Clothing Giveaway information. It is a very simple flyer attached in PDF so if you could help us spread the word through your different networks, that would be great!!
 - Also - we placed 6 community refrigerators yesterday throughout Warren County and will start filling those with cold items, sandwiches, produce and more next week. They are located at Lacona Community Center, MILO Locker, Simpson College, Indianola Public library, New Virginia Public Library and Truro Public Library. We have other communities that are thinking about adding them but wanted to wait and see how the program was working out in other communities before opting in.
 - Please join us for our Helping Hand Appreciation Night - Friday, July 30th 5pm at Annelise Winery. We want to thank all of you and our volunteers for the support over the last year and enjoy the first night of the balloon classic together. We would love for you to stop by with your families and hang out for a while with us.
- **Integrated Provider Network Grant Update:**
 - The IPN Grant is getting close to its grant year ending, July 31. We are working on wrapping up programming across the county. We are also working on starting the planning portion of the IPN grant where we will partner with the coalition in order to determine best fit programming for Warren County as a whole.
- **Member Updates:**
 - Val Cameron
 - Diaper Bank Information
 - Drop Off Diapers: Individuals and groups can drop off diapers (any size, brand, and quantity) on the second Thursday of each month between 4:30 and 6:30 at 515 N Jefferson Way in Indianola.
 - Host a Diaper Drive: Diaper drives are great projects for groups of all kinds— student councils, church groups, families, and more. Learn more or Contact Ricki Schroeder for more information at Ricki@shortyears.org or 515-442-6003
 - Volunteer: Volunteers help coordinate diaper drop-off and pickup. Contact Ricki Schroeder for more information at or 515-442-6003

- Need Diapers? Monthly Pick-Up: The Warren County Diaper Bank is available to any Warren County family who meets the income requirement. Diaper pick-up is every fourth Thursday of the month from 4:30-6:30. Registration is required.
- If you have an immediate need or unique situation, contact Ricki @ (515) 442-6003.
- A few other notes:
 - Only the parent or legal guardian may request diapers.
 - We cannot accommodate requests for specific brands of diapers.
 - We make every effort to accommodate diaper sizes Newborn to 6, although availability is limited to stock on hand. Please make sure you register each month to guarantee size availability.
 - Diapers distributed may not meet all your diaper needs; this program is intended to be supplemental.
 - We ask that you wear a mask and stay in your vehicle on pick-up day due to social distancing. Short Years Partnership staff or volunteers will assist you.
- Kathy Dooly
 - July 28th is World Hepatitis Day- more than 300 million people are living with the hepatitis B virus or the hepatitis C virus. Globally, 90% of people living with hepatitis B and 80% of people living with hepatitis C are unaware they are living with the disease, resulting in the real possibility of developing fatal liver disease or liver cancer and in some cases, unknowingly transmitting the infection to others.
 - Link for RHS Region 6 Newsletter:
 - <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/FMfcgzGkZGICmBmGivDtfSlbRMNpRftC?compose=GTvVlcSBncMbqNhPNpWrBnCHITBfRRGNKJQtbkksBRFkKwnzCvHwDZrBxCMVHTLJMqVmVrhxKWJfm>
- Sarah Gibson – CPPC
 - Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC) Steering Committee will be meeting in person AND virtually beginning September 7th. Meetings will be held at 12:30pm with the option of attending in person at 200 S Howard Street in Indianola or online via Microsoft Teams. Look for an email near the end of August. We are not meeting this summer.
 - If you'd like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about CPPC as well as information on community events via our website, www.cppconline1.com, please email Sarah at shohanshelt@gmail.com.
- Josie Redman – American Lung Association
 - Please fill out This order form if you would like any resource or incentive items from the American Lung Association! Right now we have hand sanitizers, water bottles, lip balms, hot/cold packs, stress balls, and more in stock. The second/thirdhand smoke and smoking while pregnant resource are great for childcare centers.
 - Additionally, we have some internal resources that are not pictured on this order form. If you know of any childcare providers that would be interested in assistance with updating their smokefree policies, they can receive free advertising, portion plates, listing on the state-wide registry, and much more!

- Please feel free to reach out with any questions
- Roger Netsch – WeLIFT
 - WeLIFT Job Search Center's update is that we are up and running and meeting with clients.
 - We currently are running office hours only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 am to 3 pm. We can meet outside those hours by appointment only.
 - If 'providers' are working with clients where unemployment or underemployment is adding to the family stress level, they should reach out to WeLIFT Job Search Center as a good community resource to help individuals search for and hopefully find a job.
 - I've attached fliers for WeLIFT and Let's Get 2 Work. Both programs work on jobless issues.
 - Let me know if you need some help or have any questions.
- **Other Business**
 - Warren County Community Partners Meeting for COVID updates are happening, if interested in attending please reach out.

Next Meeting:

- When: August 4th @ 10:00AM
- Where: Wells Fargo Building, 5154 North Jefferson way or virtually

Contact Information:

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- Agenda and Minutes: <https://tinyurl.com/WCCCMinutesandAgendas>
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- Hunger Free Warren County (Subgroup): Terie terie.wolf@unitedwaydm.org or Sue warrencountyhelpinghand@gmail.com
- Domestic Violence (Subgroup): Michelle MichelleA@cfiowa.org