



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

September 1, 2021

10:00AM-11:30AM

Zoom Meeting

● Members Attending (16):

- Amber Tomkins – Rapid Rehousing Services
- Brittni Horstman – Indianola HS
- Christy Porter - CFI
- Debra Schrader – 4 R Kids ECI
- Emily Schwery – Indianola HS
- Haley Pederson Hundley - EFR
- Jori Coghlan – Indianola HS
- Kara Collins – Children and families of Iowa
- Louise Peitz – Elder Rights Specialist
- Myra Willms – ISU Extension & Outreach
- Nichole Gunn – EFR
- Penny Seidenkranz - EFR
- Ricki Schroeder – Short Years Partnership
- Rachel Bardwell – Short Years Partnership
- Roger Netsch – WeLIFT job Search Center
- Scott Thomas – EverlyBall CMHS

● Welcome

● Presentation

- Rachel Bardwell & Ricki Schroeder, Short Years Partnership

● Coalition Updates:

- Agenda accepted
- Last month's minutes accepted and filed
- Subgroup Updates:
 - 4 R Kids Early Childhood Committee (Debra Schrader)
 - The 4 R Kids ECI area board has positions available on the board, gender balance is encouraged. Contact Debra Schrader, 4rkidseci@gmail.com for more information.
 - The 4 R Kids ECI area board in collaboration with the Quad Counties 4 Kids ECI area board released a request for proposal on August 30, 2021 for a prenatal advantage pilot program. More information is located at www.4rkids-eci.org. An informational meeting will be conducted by Zoom September 13, 2021 at 10:00 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81945397425?pwd=VG9TZDExSGtseG9HWHhzOEEd1WmISZz09> Meeting ID: 819 4539 7425; Passcode: PAPP; Phone: 312 626 6799; Passcode: 521366
 - Investing in Iowa Child Care funding awards were announced, Lil Scholars in Norwalk will receive \$98,401 for urgent regulatory issues and Megan Walker will receive \$5,100 to start a child care business. More awards will be coming soon.

For more information go here or <https://dhs.iowa.gov/childcare/funding-opportunities>

- The annual Warren County Early Childhood services map was reviewed and changes were requested to be sent to Debra Schrader.
 - The annual Warren County Family Support map was reviewed and changes were requested to be sent to Debra Schrader.
 - U.S. Census population data was shared, the United States had a 7.4% increase, Iowa had a 4.7% increase. Warren County had an increase of 13.4% in population, Norwalk had a 43.1% increase. The top 10 cities/towns for growth and the top 10 towns for loss were also reviewed.
 - Woods & Poole 0-5 population data was shared, in 2020 there are 3,793 children ages 0-5 in Warren County which is an increase of 38 children from 2019. The 4 R Kids ECI area has 13,838 which is an increase of 101 children from 2019.
 - FY21 Health Rankings were shared, on scale of 1-99 (1 is the best 99 is the worst) Warren County ranks 10th for overall health outcomes and 12th for overall health factors.
 - All documents reviewed at the meeting are located in this google drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1FioVz3wm3Aui3aglr4GGR_RJVQ0bEz7p This is also listed at the bottom of the meeting minutes each month.
- Domestic Violence Subgroup (Michelle Anderson)
 - No Updates this month!
 - Hunger Free Warren County/Helping Hand Update (Sue Wilson)
 - The 6 community refrigerators are up and running - we have placed over 2,000 pounds of food in them - currently in New Virginia and Truro there are school supplies available too for families - we are excited to find the refrigerators empty when we go and refill them on a biweekly basis.
 - Month of October - " HEARTS TO SERVE - HOPE TO SPREAD" Month
 - We are excited for our " Friendly Financials" Series - The Helping Hand has teamed up with People's Bank of Indianola to provide this fun 4 week series to learn about the basics, myths, and facts of managing money. The classes will be the 4 Mondays of October - October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th 4:30-6:00pm. The night's schedule will be:
 - 4:30-5:00pm People's Bank will present a money topic and discussion
 - 5:00-5:30pm Dinner will be provided
 - 5:30-6:00pm Participants get to have a special shopping time at The Helping Hand
 - We are hoping that we receive 10-15 participants that stay engaged in the process for the whole month. We hope to run this program again in the spring and make it an annual event. This is open to anyone in Warren County. Friendly Financial Series will take place at The Helping Hand.

- Wednesday October 6th - Winter Gear Giveaway 3:30-8:00pm - new and gently used winter coats, boots, snow pants, hats/ gloves etc.. will be given to families who come and shop at this event. Event located at The Helping Hand.
- We are ramping up our fundraising efforts as we anticipate record highs for this fall and holiday season for usage of our services. We have seen a steady climb since June and have served 62 new families/individuals since June 2021. We will have our truck out and about at different events but are really excited about the amazing groups we have teamed up with for monetary and food drives:
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- Saturday October 2nd - 10am-12pm Pounds for the Pantry at Joe's Gym- Helping Hand with Joe's Gym Fundraising Event - you can participate 2 ways: lift some weights and get pledges per pound you lift or a flat rate OR be a sponsor and you pledge your child, athlete, friend to lift any amount of weight and pledge them per pound or flat rate. For example, I have been pledged \$5.00 per pound up to 100 pounds - all I have to do is 1 Rep of the bench press and earn \$500.00 for the pantry!!! and I am also sponsoring my daughters - they will come and lift either 5# dumbbells for a few reps and earn money towards the food pantry too! It's going to be fun - family friendly and full of energy - ALL proceeds will go to pack the pantry and purchase winter gear for our community.
- Warren County Unite: GOALS for Hunger: all the local soccer clubs across Warren County are coming together in October to support our mission and food and winter gear will go back into their communities - truck will be onsite to collect donations
- Warren County Unite: Touchdowns for Hunger: local HS FB programs in Warren County will pick a Friday night FB game in October to support our mission as well - Truck will be onsite to collect donations
- Our goal is to purchase 25 Turkeys and 25 Hams for Thanksgiving and 25 turkeys and Hams for Christmas and all the fixings to be given away with certain number going into all our smaller communities as well as purchase winter gear for our communities and families in need.
- Saturday October 23rd: ICYF: Truck N Treat: Food Drive Donation for the Holidays: Wait for more information - Our new truck will be onsite to collect donations!
- Side note: The Helping Hand will be closed Saturday September 4th - Monday September 6th for services and donations so we can give our volunteers some time off and give us space to reorganize and do a deep cleaning.
- **Integrated Provider Network Grant Update:**
 - We have moved into the planning portion of the IPN grant and will need the coalitions partnership in order to complete this step. Starting in October, anyone interested in helping to decide future programming options from this grant is invited to stay after the main coalition meeting to discuss this process in a subgroup. Additional subgroup meetings will be shared as well. Thank you for your help with this work!

- **Member Updates (Both Present & Not):**

- Rachel Bardwell
 - Please see the google drive/attachments for information on drive through baby showers.
 - Roger Netsch
 - Please see google drive/attachments for information on programs being provided by WeLIFT
 - Sarah Gibson
 - The CPPC Steering Committee will be meeting Tuesday, September 7th at 12:30pm. Attendees can participate either in person or virtually. If you did not receive the email with meeting information and would like to, please email me at shohanshelt@gmail.com
 - The CPPC Statewide Learning Exchange will be taking place virtually November 3rd. This will be a free event. I will send registration information out to the CPPC mailing list as it becomes available.
- **Other Business**
 - Warren County Community Partners Meeting for COVID updates are happening, if interested in attending please reach out.

Next Meeting:

- When: September 1st @ 10:00AM
- Where: Wells Fargo Building, 5154 North Jefferson way or virtually

Contact Information:

- Coalition Email: warrencountycarecoalition@gmail.com
- Coalition Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WarrenCountyCaresCoalition>
- Coalition Agenda and Minutes: <https://tinyurl.com/WCCCMinutesandAgendas>
- 4R Kids Early Childhood Committee: 4rkidseci@gmail.com
- 4R Kids Google Drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1FioVz3wm3Aui3aglr4GGR_RJVQ0bEz7p
- Hunger Free Warren County (Subgroup): Terie terie.wolf@unitedwaydm.org or Sue warrencountyhelpinghand@gmail.com
- Domestic Violence (Subgroup): Michelle MichelleA@cfiowa.org