



Warren County Cares Coalition

Vision: 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

December 1, 2021

10:00AM-11:30AM

Zoom Meeting

❖ Members Attending (13):

- Bryon Little – House of Mercy
- Debra Schrader – 4 R Kids ECI
- Gabbie Ruggiero – EFR
- Haley Pederson Hundley - EFR
- Jodene Devault – Public Health
- Josie Redman - ALA
- Karen Goff – Broadlawns WIC Program
- Louise Peitz – Elder Rights Specialist
- Megan Davidson – Child Care Resource & Referral of Central Iowa
- Nichole Gunn – EFR
- Rebecal Woell – Parents as Teachers
- Ricki Schroeder – Short Years Partnership
- Ryan Stuart – ISU Extension
- Sandy Kilgore – MercyOne South Community Worker
- Shawn Grundy – Central Iowa Shelter & Services
- Sarah Gibson - CPPC
- Sue Wilson – Helping Hand
- Veronica McVay – Public Health

❖ Welcome

❖ Old Business

- Agenda accepted
- Last month's minutes accepted and filed

❖ Presentation

- Gabbie Ruggiero, EFR, *Using Narcan*

❖ New Business

- **4 R Kids Early Childhood Committee Update(Debra Schrader)**
 - Lead: Deb Schrader (4rkidseci@gmail.com)
 - Preschool experience rate was shared with the group. All school districts in the 4 county area were surveyed this fall requesting the number of kindergartners and the number that had a preschool experience; preliminary results indicate overall 84% of kindergartners had a preschool experience with Warren County having 83%, schools collect the data from the parent or from the schools data base. Needs are playground, space and staff.
 - The 4 R Kids ECI area supports the legislative agenda of the Association; increase in funding for ECI, solutions to child care issues and supporting the behavioral health system for children.

- Early Childhood Iowa is requesting input to the experiences that families have had in early childhood services and programs.
https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8J8J8PwxMEacrie
- A new service has been funded by 4 R Kids, a prenatal advantage pilot project that is to increase referrals to family support programs and have better birth outcomes. The contractor is Warren County Health Services.
- ISU Extension conducted a study on the impact of COVID on rural areas and small towns in Iowa, go here for more information.
- Short Years Partnership will be celebrating Bonnie Forsythe earning the educator of the year through the National Center, Parents as Teachers. The celebration is December 5, 2021 from 2:00-4:00 at the Trinity Presbyterian Church 200 S. Howard, Indianola. All are welcome to attend.
- DHS has implemented changes that impact child development homes. Changes can be found here.
- **Hunger Free Warren County/Helping Hand Update**
 - Co-Leads: Sue Wilson (warrencountyhelpinghand@gmail.com) & Teri Wolf (terie.wolf@unitedwaydm.org)
- **Integrated Provider Network Grant Update:**
 - This month a small subgroup will be meeting after the main coalition meeting – we look forward to seeing many of you there!
- **Member Updates (Both Present & Not):**
 - **Veronica McVay, 1st Five**
 - 1st Five Healthy Mental Development Initiative works with primary care providers to assist with implementation and administration of developmental surveillance and screenings during well child exams for children birth to age 5. The goal of 1st Five is for medical providers to perform developmental screenings and when concerns are identified by the screening the medical provider can refer to the 1st Five program. 1st Five connects the family to local resources to address the concern area(s) and reports back all information to the referring medical provider. 1st Five received 1 new referral from Warren County for November 2021. Future goals are continuing to set up and meet with local medical clinics to discuss current events, developmental screenings and needs of the clinic. Please contact Veronica with any questions or needs regarding 1st Five. veronicam@warrencountyia.org

❖ **Other Business**

- Warren County Community Partners Meeting for COVID updates are happening, if interested in attending please reach out.

Next Meeting:

- When: January 5th @ 10:00AM
- Where: Wells Fargo Building, 5154 North Jefferson way or virtually

Contact Information:

- Coalition Email: warrencountycarescoalition@gmail.com
- Coalition Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WarrenCountyCaresCoalition>

- Coalition Agenda and Minutes: <https://tinyurl.com/WCCMinutesandAgendas>
- Coalition Presentation Signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4faaac2da1fece9-presentation1>
- 4R Kids Google Drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1FioVz3wm3Aui3aglr4GGR_RJVQ0bEz7p