

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes

**Waukee Church of Hope
305 N.E. Dartmoor
Waukee, Iowa 50263
10:30am – 11:45 am
Wednesday April 27, 2022**

Meeting Handouts

A [Dallas County Meeting Folder](#) is available for meeting handouts and other agency information. Go [here](#) to access the information and it is open to the public. Meeting agendas and minutes are located at www.4rkids-eci.org.

Attendance and Introductions

Christina Schalk (New Opportunities), Jeannette Luthringer (Every Step), Kelly Phelps (CCR&R), Hannah Vander Kopsa (CIAC), Kirsten Johnson (American Lung), Ann Cochran (Dallas County Public Health), Asacia Edwards (Iowa AEYC), Jenny Felt (DCAT/CPPC), Danielle Kenworthy (Short Years) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids)

Agency and Other Information

- Prevention staff has met the work plan requirements for the IPN grant for facilitating small group sessions to increase the awareness on the dangers of Rx Drug use with nearly 200 participants.
- ZION Prevention Specialists have reached out to the educational sector to engage them in prevention efforts and assist with planning deliverables. These plans are tentatively happening in the 2022-2023 school year in Dallas County.
- Christina Schalk with Head Start is recruiting for fall enrollment and the enrollment criteria have been expended to families on food assistance.
- Iowa Total Care has a language line that can be used by providers when scheduling health appointments.
- CIAC will be having their annual garage sale in June.
- IDPH announced grant awards for FaDSS, New Opportunities will be providing services in Dallas County. Warren County Health Services was awarded funding for 1st Five.
- The Trauma Informed Care conference will be June 7th and 9th in Des Moines.
- Agency's that receive state funds are required to adhere to the human trafficking training hotel policy.
- Federal mileage rate has been raised to \$.585.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4RKids Board has filled all positions on the board.
- A brief overview was provided regarding 3 child care bills and other bills of interest.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- FY2021 Child abuse data was shared; there were 167 Dallas County children abuse which is a 28% increase in abused children from the year before.
- Hannah provided an update on sexual abuse prevention programming happening in Dallas County. April 26th and June 14th will be at the Waukee public library.
- Connections Matter training will be May 25, 2022 directly after the Dallas County Coalition meeting.
- Child abuse prevention conference is May 11-12th and scholarships are available at CIAC.

Next meeting: May 25, 2022 will be in person.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader