

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes

Waukee Church of Hope

305 N.E. Dartmoor

Waukee, Iowa 50263

10:30am – 11:45 am

Wednesday May 25, 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

Michelle Greenough (CCR&R), Hannah Vander Kopsa (CIAC), Kirsten Johnson (American Lung), Ann Cochran (Dallas County Public Health), Vivian Aldridge (Dallas County Public Health), Klulud Abdulhamid (Short Years), Kay Tannett (Iowa Total Care), Carol Baer (New Opps), Val Holdsworth (New Opps), Claire Mraz (Every Step), Myra Willms (Dallas County ISU Extension), Val Cameron (Dallas County ISU Extension) Deana Van Brocklin (Juvenile Court) Judy Norris (Zero to Three), Abby Schueller (University of Iowa), Stephanie Besch (University of Iowa) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids)

Presentations

[Infant & Toddler Court program](#) – Judy Norris, Abby Schueller and Stephanie Besch provided an overview of a new service for Dallas County families with children under the age of 3 who are in the court system. It was suggested to have another presentation/training April of 2023 to learn more.

Language Line – Kay Tannett of Iowa Total Care provided an overview of how the language line works with the MCO.

Agency and Other Information

- Zion - As many as 2% of adult Iowans meet the criteria for a gambling addiction, and almost 1 in 5 adult Iowans are affected by problem gambling. Yet only a fraction receives help. Information has been loaded into the Google folder about the Iowa Self Exclusion Packet with tips on how to have a conversation with family members about problem gambling.
- CIAC - will be having the annual garage sell June 2, 3 and 4th at Faith Lutheran Church. Donations are welcome.
- American Lung – is in need of one more child care provider in Dallas County to participate in a tobacco free policy.
- Iowa Youth Survey – is available.
- CPPC/DCAT – has emergency funds available until the end of the fiscal year or until they are depleted.
- Child Care Business Incentive Grant – The Governor announced \$25 of ARPA funds are available to enhance child care and businesses.
- Affordability Connectivity – Internet is available to low income in certain areas at a reduced cost where there is broadband.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4RKids Board has filled all positions on the board.
- The Iowa Legislature adjourned May 25, 2022 at approximately 12:30 A.M. ECI did not receive an increase, but the state office received \$200,000 more for a special project, several child care bills passed but none of them fixed the broken system, increased quality or assisted families in paying for child care. A bill passed that will eliminate sales tax on feminine hygiene products and diapers.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- Hannah provided an update on sexual abuse trainings. A child care provider training is scheduled and a parenting workshop is scheduled June 14, 2022 from 5:45-7:45 at the Waukee Public Library.
- The Hy-Vee fundraiser produced \$167.
- HF2567 passed, it relates to child abuse reporting for practitioners and educators.

Next meeting: June 22, 2022 will be in person.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader

Connections Matter Training was held directly after the meeting with 5 in attendance.