

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes

Waukee Church of Hope

305 N.E. Dartmoor

Waukee, Iowa 50263

10:30am – 11:45 am

Wednesday June 22, 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), Rachel Bardwell (Short Years), Carol Baer (New Opps), Jamie Johnston (New Opps), Claire Mraz (Every Step), Karen Goff (Broadlawns), Dawn Walton (Zion), Amanda McCall (Zion), Lisa Carstens (Zion) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids)

Presentation

Karen Goff with Broadlawns provided an overview of the WIC program. Broadlawns has held the WIC contract for 42 years and will now cover Polk, Dallas, Madison and Warren County starting October 1, 2022. Currently they carry 21% of the state WIC caseloads. WIC eligibility is 185% of the federal poverty level.

Agency and Other Information

- ZION Integrated Behavioral Health Services- Lisa Carstens reported that prevention staff has met all their work plan goals for presentations on marijuana and prescription drugs, as well as met presentation goals for Drug Free Workplace and Driver's Education. She also reported that the second round of planning deliverables was submitted. One big change that will be in place for next year (starting July 1) will be that action plan goals were by county verses by area across the state. Under the IPN grant, ZION provides substance abuse and problem gambling prevention services for Area 12 (Adair, Cass, Dallas, Fremont, Montgomery & Page) and Area 13 (Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Madison, Ringgold, Taylor and Union).
- CIAC – There has been 5 new staff in the last few months.
- Short Years Partnership – Is looking for a Spanish speaking educator.
- New Opps – Will be the FaDSS contractor holder starting July 1, 2022 and the eligibility criteria has changes to 175% of the federal poverty level.
- Governor Reynolds – announced \$25 million to assist with local non-profits, funded by the ARPA.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4RKids Board has filled all positions on the board.
- The 4 R Kids Board has renewed all contracts for FY23 for approximately \$1.2 million.
- The Iowa Legislature passed HF2578, MOMs bill, \$500,000 which is modeled after a program in Texas. The purpose is to promote pregnancy and childbirth.
- The cost of living wage in Iowas was shared. For a single parent with a young child in Dallas County they would need to make \$46,223 annually, this would be no savings, extras, etc.
- The Iowas substance abuse deaths were reviewed.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- Hannah provided an update on sexual abuse trainings. Next workshop is June 29, 2022 at Big Als in Adel. Incentives are available to anyone who attends.
- The council has submitted a performance improvement plan for FY23 due to not meeting FY22 benchmarks.
- Treasurer report – There were 5 in attendance for Connection Matters training and PA has been paid; the checking account balance is \$2,658.28

Next meeting: August 24, 2022 and will be in person.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader