



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

June 1, 2021

10:00AM-11:30AM

Zoom Meeting

❖ Members Attending (26):

- Brenda Wood-Clark – Choices Therapy Services
- Carol Tonderum – Indianola YMCA
- Catherine Reaman-Gerdes – Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services
- Chantelle Lorton – MercyOne Community Health Worker
- Cody Devereaux – Salvation Army
- Cynthia Tracy- Senior Health Insurance Program
- Debra Schrader – 4 R Kids ECI
- Jean Strable – Norwalk Public Library
- Jess Van De Voort – Central Iowa Community Services
- Karie Foster – ISU Family Wellbeing Specialist
- Kelly Phelps – Child Care Resource and Referral
- Jasmine Bailey - EFR
- Louise Peitz – Aging Resources of Central Iowa
- Nikki Gunn - EFR
- Roger Netsch – WeLIFT Job Search
- Ryan Stuart – ISU Family Wellbeing Specialist
- Sandy Kilgore – Mercycare Health Worker
- Sarah Gibson - CPPC
- Sue Wilson – Community Member
- Val Cameron – Short Years Partnership
- Veronica McVay – Public Health

❖ Welcome

❖ Old Business

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

❖ Presentation

- Jean Strable, Warren County Public Libraries

❖ New Business

➤ 4 R Kids Early Childhood Committee Update (Debra Schrader)

- Lead: Deb Schrader (4rkidseci@gmail.com)
 - The 4 R Kids Board has announced grant awards of \$1.2 million for local agencies to provide services for children under the age of 5. A list of programs funded is available at www.4rkids-eci.org.
 - A recap of the legislative session was reviewed. As a note local ECI boards will not receive an increase in funding, however the state ECI office will have an increase of \$200,000 for a special project.
 - Governor Reynolds announced \$20 million is available for Non-profits to expand services to lowan's and \$25 million is available for child care and businesses, federal ARPA funds are used for both programs.

- **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:**
 - Leads: Nichole Gunn (ngunn@efr.org) & Penny Seidenkranz (pseidenkranz@efr.org)
 - The IPN grant is currently waiting on edits for their workplan and hope to give more in depth updates next month!
- **Member Updates (Both Present & Not):**
 - Val Cameron, Short Years Partnership
 - The agency update to share is that we will be hiring a Spanish speaking Parent Educator to serve Dallas Co. The job will be posted on Indeed, or people can contact Sheena or Rachel for more info.
 - July 19 Stewards of Children presentation from 6-8 pm at Fellowship Community Church, 225 North Ave., Norwalk
 - Sarah Gibson, CPPC
 - If you'd like anything posted on the CPPC website (www.cppconline1.com) and sent out in our Monday updates, please let me know. Also, if you'd like to be added to the email list to receive the Monday updates, send me an email at shohanshelt@gmail.com. Regional CPPC meetings are coming up next week and the following. I'll have updates on CPPC at the state level at that time. The CPPC Steering Committee will begin meeting again in August. I'll send Nikki/Veronica my update to be added to the minutes with more information.
 - Additional updates in the google drive
 - Brenda Wood-Clark, Choices Therapy Services
 - Choices Therapy Services has a women's empowerment group for those living with addictions starting June 30th meeting on Thursdays from 10 - 11 am in our Indianola Office. Referrals or those interested can call 515 279 0111 or email Gabby@choicestherapyservices.org for more information or to enroll.

❖ **Other Business**

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

Next Meeting:

- When: July 6, 2022 @ 10:00AM
- Where: Warren County Administration Building in the boardroom as well as virtually

Contact Information:

- Coalition Email: warrencountycarescoalition@gmail.com
- Coalition Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WarrenCountyCaresCoalition>
- Coalition Agenda and Minutes: <https://tinyurl.com/WCCCMinutesandAgendas>
- Coalition Presentation Signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4faaac2da1fece9-presentation1>
- 4R Kids Google Drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1FioVz3wm3Aui3aglr4GGR_RJVQ0bEz7p
- WCC Resource List: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xyf_16UgLVJm7IMAwJWLNlr2o2X3tEILwNOUVGID3nk/edit?usp=sharing