



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

July 6, 2021

10:00AM-11:30AM

Hybrid Meeting

❖ Members Attending (26):

- Betsey Stursma - CICS
- Debra Schrader – 4 R Kids ECI
- Joelle Stolte – Public Health
- Jasmine Bailey – EFR
- Jason Smith – Institute for Community Alliances
- Jess Van De Voort – Central Iowa Community Services
- Kara Collins -Children and Families of Iowa
- Karen Goff – Broadlawns
- Karie Foster – ISU Family Wellbeing Specialist
- Kairee Bishop -EFR
- Kelly Phelps – Child Care Resource and Referral
- Laura Probasco – Eyerly Ball
- Maya Whitaker – EFR
- Myra Willms – ISU Extension Dallas County
- Nikki Gunn - EFR
- Rachel Bardwell – Short Years Partnership
- Sarah Gibson – CPPC
- Stacie Dahlin – Drake Head Start
- Susie McCarragher - ICA
- Terie Taylor-Wolf – United Way
- Val Cameron – Short Years Partnership
- Veronica McVay – Public Health
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❖ Welcome

❖ Old Business

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

❖ Presentation

- Taking a break from presentations this month to resume next!

❖ New Business

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

- Lead: Deb Schrader (4rkidseci@gmail.com)
 - The 2021 Woods and Poole child population data was shared. Warren County had a decrease of 7 children under the age of 5 compared to FY2020. Currently there are \$3,786 children age 0-5. The 0-5 population for Warren County has changed very little over 3 years.
 - The state of Iowa has changed the state mileage rate from .39 cents to .50 cents starting July 1, 2022. The federal mileage rate changed from 58.5 cents to 62.5 cents.
 - A pie chart regarding programming the 4 R Kids ECI board supports was reviewed, 20% is allocated to preschool supports, 22% to child care supports, 47% to family support services, 9% to system support and 2% to board infrastructure. The 4 R Kids Board also invested 88% of funding into evidence and/or research based programming.

- The Warren County Early Childhood resource list was reviewed and changes will be made where needed. Deb will send the information out in an email.
- **Hunger Free Warren County/Helping Hand Update**
 - Co-Leads: Sue Wilson (warrencountyhelpinghand@gmail.com) & Teri Wolf (terie.wolf@unitedwaydm.org)
 - Summer meal programs everyday breakfast and lunch at Church of Christ and Whitter
- **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):**
 - Preschool Scholarship Application Link:
 - Veronica McVay – 1st Five Site Coordinator, Public Health:
 - 1st Five works with primary medical providers to assist with education on completing developmental screenings during well child exams. When concerns are identified through the screening tool or parents express concerns the medical provider can refer the child to the 1st Five program for developmental support services. The last two months 1st Five received 15 new referrals from Madison and Warren County providers. The 1st Five FY22 RFP has been extended for 6 months into FY23. The site coordinator will be conducting outreach to new medical provider in service area of Madison and Warren County. Contact Veronica McVay 1st Five Site Coordinator at 515-961-1074 or veronicam@warrencountyia.org for additional questions.
 - Stacie Dahlin – Head Start:
 - Head Start has changed their income guidelines for what they consider to be public assistance. Families who are receiving SNAP are now considered income eligible for Head Start as well.
 - Val Cameron – ISU Extension
 - Link for 4R Kids Early Childhood Forms and Resources: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/dallas/4r-kids-early-childhood-forms-and-resources>
 - Sarah Gibson – CPPC
 - The Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC) Steering Committee will meet August 2nd at 12:30pm at the WeLift building (200 S Howard Street, Indianola). All are welcome to attend to network and learn about resources in Madison, Marion and Warren counties. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to shohanshelt@gmail.com.
 - If you also serve Madison County, please be advised that MATURA/Multipurpose's thrift store and pantry hours have changed to Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:30pm, 1st and 3rd Friday of the month 9:00am-3:30pm, 2nd and 4th Friday of the month 12:30-3:30pm and the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month 10:00am-1:30pm.
 - We are starting to plan for the fall Statewide CPPC Learning Convening. If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers that you'd like to see this fall, please send me an email (shohanshelt@gmail.com).
 - Betsy Stursma - CICS
 - Central Iowa Community Services (CICS) staff have moved employment from Warren County to Franklin County effective 7/1/22. Nothing changes as far as the staff (Jess, Liza, and Betsy) are concerned. We are still doing the same work in the same location with the same phone numbers, just different employer. We are still here to serve individuals with mental health and disability services. Jess Van De Voort is the local

service coordinator and did get a new cell phone that clients can now text. That number is 641-640-2418.

- Warren County General Assistance – Sarah Downard is our new Warren County General Assistance Coordinator. She started with us 6/1/22 and Sandie Cate, our previous part-time staff retired effective 6/30/22. We are still able to assist individuals with rent and utility assistance. The Warren County Board of Supervisors did increase the utility assistance from \$200 per instance to \$300 per instance of assistance. If you know of individuals or families that need help, send them our way. We also met with Cody Devereaux from the Salvation Army regarding some of their programming they are currently providing and plan to bring to Warren County. He shared they have a home pantry on site at the Clive office that is open on Fridays from 1-3 to help families with some of the household necessities. We anticipate working more collaboratively with Salvation Army in the future to help Warren County residents!
- Eyerly Ball now has a therapist (LISW) in the Warren County office 3-4 days per week!

❖ Other Business

Next Meeting:

- When: August 3 @ 10:00AM
- Where: Warren County Health Services, 301 N Buxton St # 203, Indianola, IA 50125 – Board Room

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
- WCC Resource List: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xyf_l6UgLVJm7lMAwJWLNlr2o2X3tEILwNOUVGID3nk/edit?usp=sharing