

**Success 4 Kids  
&  
Adair County Early Childhood Committee  
Minutes/Notes**

Tuesday August 9 2022  
United Methodist Church  
108 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Greenfield Iowa 50849

A [Google Folder](#) contains handouts and other information.

**Meeting began at 2:00.**

**Attendance**

Lisa Carstens, Amanda McCall, Myra Willms, Kristie Nixon, Courtney Adair, Bailey Wignes, Josie Redman, Amanda Wahlert, Stephanie Claussen, Tinneal Harris and Debra Schrader.

**Announcements and Agency Updates**

- Lisa Carstens, certified prevention specialist, shared with the group that IDPH is closer to finalizing the planning deliverables. She shared some of the strategies for the proposed action plan. In Adair County, the three priority areas are Adult Prescription Medication Misuse, Youth Tobacco Use and Adult Problem Gambling, as we have established in the planning meetings. One strategy for the prescription drug area will be implementing Generation Rx Curriculum to groups of all ages. Lisa also announced there's an open prevention specialist position that will be providing substance abuse and problem gambling prevention services for Area 12 (Adair, Cass, Dallas, Fremont, Montgomery and Page Counties). Qualifications include a two-year degree but prefer a four-year degree. For more details, contact ZION's Prevention Supervisor, Jodi Haley at [jhaley@zioniowa.org](mailto:jhaley@zioniowa.org).
- American Lung has a position open to cover several counties. Josie shared tobacco control work in Adair County, working with childcare centers and worksites to implement tobacco free policies. Additionally shared the ALA's quarterly newsletter, which can be found here <https://bit.ly/3J1G0bC>. Take a look at some of the highlights from FY22 and order tobacco cessation resources and incentive items by scanning the QR code!
- Covid vaccines for 6-month old's through 5-year old's are available.
- The Adair County Public Health will start working on the CHNA/HIP and will be completed in about a year.
- Covid rates are rising but not being reported due to home testing. There is an outbreak at the Greenfield Nursing Home.
- IDPH has announced grant award winners for maternal health and Taylor County applied however were not awarded. There will be a lapse in service for a month until a new contract is awarded. Taylor County intends to re-apply to serve Adair County.
- The new Health and Human Services organizational structure has been announced, ECI is in the Family Well-being Protection bureau within the Family Services section. At this time DECAT was not identified in a section.
- There will be a circus at the Dallas County fairgrounds on August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- There will be car seat checks August 10, 2022 from 4:00-7:00 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Creston.
- The Greenfield Presbyterian Church is available for meetings or events, with no charge. The hygiene pantry is also located there. Contact Jennifer at First National Bank at 641-743-2163 to reserve space.
- There is an online infant and early childhood mental health conference available to anyone sponsored by Project Launch, only 300 people are allowed to attend. Sessions are pre-recorded and must be accessed anytime from August 1-26<sup>th</sup>.
- Matura 1<sup>st</sup> Five has meet with the pediatrician at Adair County Hospital and will be implementing ASQ's in the future.

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- Treasures Report all FY22 invoices have been processed.
- FY23 contract – no update.
- Stephanie has completed the Connections Matter training and will facilitate a group in the upcoming months.

**Early Childhood Committee**

- CPPC/DCAT – There is mini grants of \$950 available to address CPPC strategies.
- 4 R Kids Board – The FY22 executive summary was shared with the group.
- The FY22 Health Rankings were shared with group, Adair County raks 52 out of 99 for overall health outcomes and 46 for overall health behaviors.
- QRS child care data was shared, Adair County has 25% of child care providers with a QRS rating for FY22, in FY21 it was 38.5%.

**Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 3:20. The next meeting will be October 11, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m. and will be in person at the United Methodist Church in Greenfield.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, ECI Director