



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

August 3, 2022

10:00AM-11:30AM

Hybrid Meeting

❖ Members Attending (26):

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| ❑ Betsey Stursma - CICS | ❑ Lacy Andre – Parent Partner program |
| ❑ Brenda Wood-Clark | ❑ Maya Whitaker – EFR |
| ❑ Debra Schrader – 4 R Kids ECI | ❑ Nikki Gunn - EFR |
| ❑ Catherine Reaman-Gerdes – Polck County Crisis | ❑ Penny Seidenkranz - EFR |
| ❑ Haley Broich - MICA | ❑ Rebecca woell – Short Years partnership |
| ❑ Joe McQuerry - EFR | ❑ Ricki Schroder – Short Years Partnership |
| ❑ Joelle Stolte – Public Health | ❑ Sarah Gibson – CPPC |
| ❑ Josie Redman - ALA | ❑ Susie McCarragher - ICA |
| ❑ Jason Smith – Institute for Community Alliances | ❑ Terie Taylor-Wolf – United Way |
| ❑ Jess Van De Voort – Central Iowa Community Services | ❑ Val Cameron – Short Years Partnership |
| ❑ Kara Collins -Children and Families of Iowa | ❑ Veronica McVay – Public Health |
| ❑ Kelly Phelps – Child Care Resource and Referral | ❑ |

❖ 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)
 - An organizational chart for the new Health and Human Services was shared with the group. Early Childhood Iowa falls under Family-Wellbeing and Protection in the Child Protection Services section. It is unclear how this will impact ECI if any.
 - The 2022 Health Rankings were shared, Warren County ranks fairly high in most areas and ranks 17th out of 99 counties in Iowa for overall health outcomes. The previous year's rank was 10.
 - Data from DHS on QRS ratings were shared, Warren County has 50% of child care providers in the state that have a QRS rating, the state average is 35.6%. Warren County has been consistent in QRS higher than average rankings over the years.

- The draft FY22 4 R Kids ECI executive summary was shared. Considering the challenges with the pandemic all contractors did an amazing job. Warren County Public Health with I-Smiles was noted has having the best success story.

🔍 **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 work plan and hope to give more in depth updates next month!

🔍 **Member Updates (Both Present & Not):**

- Betsy Stursma, CICS, General Assistance
 - Warren County General Assistance continues to be available to help residents with rent and utility assistance. We typically see an increase in need during August and September with the increases expenses around school starting. For utility assistance, individuals do need a disconnect notice to be eligible for our assistance. Feel free to have individuals/families reach out to our office at (515) 962-5132.
- Josie Redman, American Lung Association
 - As we wrapped up the fiscal year, the American Lung Association wants to highlight some tobacco prevention activities in our service area, as well as the childcare centers and businesses who implemented comprehensive tobacco and nicotine free policies. It was awesome to see youth from Carlisle high school get involved in their ISTEP Chapter and host youth tobacco prevention activities with their peers! Check out the newsletter here and please reach out to Josie with any questions or for support!
<https://bit.ly/3J1G0bC>
- Veronica McVay 1st Five Warren County Health Services.
 - 1st Five received 70 new referrals in FY22 for Madison and Warren Counties. 1st Five has been busy completing reports and planning clinic outreach. 1st Five attended the Warren County Fair for community outreach. 1st Five is also working on a 6-month extension until the new RFP is released. There are no further details regarding FY23 plans. Please contact 1st Five with any questions. 515-961-1074 OR
VeronicaM@warrencountyia.org
- Sarah Gibson – CPPC
 - If you'd like an update on what's been happening with CPPC, I encourage you to check out our minutes from yesterday's meeting at <https://www.cppconline1.com/steering-committee-minutes.html>. Please plan to join us at our next meeting on October 4th at 12:30pm at the WeLift building (200 S Howard Street, Indianola). We are also planning our next CPPC Statewide Learning Convening. All are invited to attend this free events so if you have any ideas for speakers/topics you'd like to see, please email me at shohanshelt@gmail.com

❖ **Other Business**

Next Meeting:

- When: October 5 @ 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_l6UgLVJm7IMAwJWLNlr2o2X3tEILwNOUVGID3nk/edit?usp=sharing