



#### KIDS Coalition

*“Collaboration between 1st Five, Prevent Child Abuse Madison County, and 4 R Kids with a focus on Madison County children and families”*

**Meeting started at 12:00**

**Minutes and Agendas posted at [www.4rkids-eci.org](http://www.4rkids-eci.org)**

**December 14, 2022**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**Winterset, Iowa 50273**

**Additional meeting materials are located:**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UNBiVOftvkVV03ajMnRR0KH31tW2NIMm>

#### Minutes

##### Attendance:

Veronica McVay, Kelsey Marmon, Jess Petter, Taylor Sullivan, Sami Heitoff, Hannah Rivas, Julie Davis, Christy Christenson, Darla Dolecheck and Debra Schrader.

##### Autism Discussion

The group had lengthy discussion regarding the challenges of receiving a timely diagnosis for families with children that have autism. After much discussion and input, a letter will be sent to Director Garcia at new Health and Human Services agency explaining the challenges and offering a solution.

##### Introductions/Announcements

**Zion** - Dawn Walton, ZION Integrated Behavioral Health Services – Substance Use Disorder Prevention Specialist - One of the strategies for Madison County is to implement Botvin LifeSkills with marijuana information to individuals aged 12-20. Dawn has been in contact with the Madison County school districts. Winterset School District health teacher has invited ZION staff in to implement the LifeSkills curriculum to the students. Dawn has implemented LifeSkills curriculum in Winterset November 28-December 2<sup>nd</sup> and has been invited back for the next semester for two more classes.

**Crossroads** – Several group education sessions are available, call the Winterset office at 515-462-3105 for more information. Crossroads will also be moving downstairs at the current office space as the building has been sold.

**HHS Alignment** – No new updates.

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Five

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Five grant award was announced and EveryStep received the grant which will start January 1, 2023.

##### 4 R Kids ECI

- Board update – The board has openings for Adair and Dallas county representatives.
- The Association of Early Childhood Area Boards and Advocates has released their legislative agenda which consists of maintaining local control and the nature of the ECI boards, support local ECI boards through funding, and develop systemic solutions to child care.
- The Associations FY22 was shared with the group. Currently 35, of 38 ECI boards are a member of the Associations.
- The group reviewed the local 4 R Kids ECI area board indicators and updates to the community plan.
- The preschool experience rate data was collected this fall, Madison County preschool experience rate is 79.1% and overall rate for the 4 counties is 87.5%.

**Meeting adorned at 1:15 p.m. Next meeting will be December February 8, 2023 at 12p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church**

##### Future Meeting Dates

Meetings are traditionally held on the 2nd Wednesday of month with exceptions

##### FY23 Meetings

February 8, 2023

May 10, 2023

March 8, 2023

June 14, 2023

April 12, 2023

The KIDS Coalition of Madison County meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Winterset. Anyone concerned about kids and the future of our workforce and community is encouraged to participate. Feel free to *bring your own* lunch and beverage. This meeting is a combined meeting between 4RKIDS and 1<sup>st</sup> Five. The goal is to efficiently and effectively deliver pertinent information to the community, regarding issues and concerns centering on children. 4RKIDS and 1<sup>st</sup> Five focus on young children. Members of businesses, organizations, agencies, groups, and all professions are welcome. Please bring your questions and ideas as well. Together we will encourage policy and practice changes at both county and local levels.

*Every effort will be made to provide notification by 9:00 A.M. the day of the meeting if meetings are cancelled.*

*If you have any questions regarding the meetings contact*

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