

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

Tuesday December 13, 2022
United Methodist Church
108 SW 5th Street
Greenfield Iowa 50849

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

Meeting began at 2:00.

Attendance

Lisa Carstens, Heather Possehn-Krieger, Courtney Dennis, Tinneal Harris, Kristie Nixon, Reshana VanDeuren, Bailey Wignes, Tammy Ewing, Megan Davidson, James Larson, Stephanie Claussen, Courtney Adair, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Agency Updates

- Lisa Carstens, ZION Integrated Behavioral Health Services - SUD & Problem Gambling Prevention, shared with the group that ZION prevention staff have been busy teaching curriculum in the area schools. In Adair County, Lisa presented LifeSkills during a two-week timeframe to the 7th and 8th grade classes at Orient-Macksburg this fall. She will be teaching LifeSkills to a couple different classes at the high school in February at Nodaway Valley. She also announced that they are in the planning stages of doing a joint presentation on vaping to all high school students at both Nodaway Valley and Orient-Macksburg Schools with representatives from ZION (prevention and treatment), American Lung Association, local law enforcement, and students from the current health class.
- American Lung Association- the Tobacco Control Quarterly Newsletter was shared with the group. The newsletter highlighted that tobacco and nicotine-free policies were implemented at two childcare centers in Adair County. A QR code was shared with the group that leads to a survey for free tobacco cessation resources and incentives.
- CRRR – The FY22 annual report was provided to the group.
- Public Health – Vaccinations are available at public health. Dr. Weis, optometrist, will be leasing space to provide optometry care at the hospital one day a week.
- SWCC – Parents as Teachers is looking for referrals with families with children under the age of 5.
- DCAT/CPCC – There are mini grants available for up to \$950 that address one or more of the CPCC strategies. Love and Logic classes will be held in February at SWCC and will focus on birth to age 5. Parent Cafes will be offered in April.

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- Treasures Report – payments have been submitted through October.
- FY23 Program Update – Bailey reported there are 2 trainings scheduled for December and January. It was suggested to work with statewide voluntary preschool programs to offer training as schools are required to provide 2 networking opportunities for families.

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- 4 R Kids Board – There is an opening on the board for Adair and Dallas County representatives.
- Updates to the 4 R Kids community plan were provided to the group; additionally local indicators were reviewed.
- The preschool experience rate has been gathered from all school districts in the 4 county area, Adair county preschool experience rate was 90.1%. Information was gathered regarding needs due to the pandemic and behavior issues and social interactions before starting preschool was reported several times by school districts.
- IDPH 1st Five and Child Adolescent and Health and oral program grants were granted to MATURA.
- The group had conversation around the struggles of parents receiving an autism diagnosis and the challenges of obtaining them and where, many times there is 9 month waiting list and parents have to travel to Iowa City or other metro areas. The state of Missouri has addressed the issues by using a tiered approach with health care providers to fill the void.
- No new update on the HHS alignment.
- The Association's FY23 legislative agenda and FY22 annual report was reviewed by the group.

Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:10. The next meeting will be February 14, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m. and will be in person at the United Methodist Church in Greenfield.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, ECI Director