



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

December 07, 2022

10:00AM-11:30AM

Hybrid Meeting

❖ Members Attending (26):

- Amber Tompkins – Central Iowa Shelter and Services
- Betsey Stursma – CICS
- Brittini Horstman – Indianola High School
- Cody Devereaux – Salvation Army
- Debra Schrader – 4 R Kids ECI
- Daphanie Martin CFI Parent Partner
- Emily Easton – Four Oaks
- Emily Facile - DMU
- Falon Flander – WCHS I-Smile
- Gabbie Ruggiero - EFR
- Joelle Stolte – WCHS
- Kelly Phelps – Child Care Resource and Referral
- Kelsey Marmen – WCHS
- Linda White – Iowa Total Care
- Liza Howard – CICS
- Maci Anderson - Everystep
- Marvin & Barb Shultz
- Maya Whitaker – EFR
- Morgan Dodge – Orchard Place
- Myra Willms – ISU Extension and Outreach
- Nikki Gunn - EFR
- Penny Seidenkranz - EFR
- Peri Sievers - EFR
- Rachel Bardwell – Short Years
- Sarah Downard – Warren County General Assistance
- Sarah Gibson – CPPC/Decat
- Sue Wilson – WeLift
- Susie McCarragher – Institute for Community Alliances
- Terra Cleveland – Aging Resources
- Veronica McVay - WCHS

❖ Welcome

❖ Old Business

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

❖ Presentation

- Maci Andersen - Everystep

❖ New Business

- **4 R Kids Early Childhood Committee Update (Debra Schrader)**
 - Lead: Deb Schrader (4rkidseci@gmail.com)
 - The 4 R Kids Board gathers data from all school districts in Adair, Dallas, Madison and Warren County regarding the preschool experience rate. Warren County kindergarteners preschool experience rate was 87.5% and the overall for the areas is

87.5%. Schools also noted that children are not coming to school ready and behavior and need for social interactions are a top need.

- The 4 R Kids ECI board is supporting the Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards legislative agenda; maintain local control and unique nature of ECI, support a compressive integrated early care, health and education system, and develop systemic solutions to child care. The Association's FY22 annual report was also shared.
- Information was shared about the \$20 million for housing in Iowa through the State Home Grant Program.
- No new information on the HHS alignment.
- The legislative makeup has changed since the election, there will be 36 democrats and 64 republicans in the house and 16 democrats and 34 republicans in the Senate starting January 1, 2023
- A report from Common Good Iowa was shared about the wage theft in Iowa.

➤ **Hunger Free Warren County/Helping Hand Update**

- Co-Leads: Sue Wilson (warrencountyhelpinghand@gmail.com) & Teri Wolf (terie.wolf@unitedwaydm.org)
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➤ **Integrated Provider Network Grant Update:**

- Leads: Nichole Gunn (ngunn@efr.org) & Penny Seidenkranz (pseidenkranz@efr.org)
- This month, the IPN grant prevention specialists are looking for partnerships to facilitate CBSG and Problem Gambling strategies with non-profits.

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

- Local Warren County Community Events (Provided by Sue Wilson)
 - Sunday, December 11th 3-6pm - Lighthouse Community Center - 109 West Boston Indianola - learn about the Tuesday Fellowship meal, classes coming up and the future of community partnerships - free Santa photos, drinks/ snacks and live music
 - Wednesday, December 14th 7am - Indianola School District Office - learn about training our workforce from classrooms and offices without transportation needed or cost. Ryan from the company Transfr will be onsite demonstrating the VR Headsets - here is the link to learn more about the headsets <https://transfrinc.com/>
 - Wednesday, December 14th 9am - Downing Construction - same presentation as above 7am session
 - Monday, December 19th - 9-11am Salvation Army Mobile Unit - focus on food and home good pantries for month of December. - Please contact WeLIFT at 962-5017 or Warren County General Assistance 962-5132 to set up a time to visit with Salvation Army Leader
- Sarah Gibson, CPPC & DCAT
 - Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC) serving Madison, Marion and Warren Counties has a new email (IndianolaClusterCPPC@gmail.com). If you email the old email and get the bounce back, please forward your message to the new account as I am not regularly monitoring the old account.
 - If you have anything you'd like added to our website and promoted in our weekly email or if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, please email me at IndianolaClusterCPPC@gmail.com. We're happy to add job postings, community events, community resources, etc. to the website!
 - I'm officially serving as the Indianola Cluster DCAT Coordinator. If you have any questions regarding DCAT, please email me at sgibson2@dhs.state.ia.us.

❖ **Other Business**

Next Meeting:

- When: December 7 @ 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_16UgLVJm7IMAwJWLNlr2o2X3tEILwNOUVGID3nk/edit?usp=sharing