

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

Tuesday February 14, 2023  
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, Kristie Nixon, Reshana VanDeuren, Bailey Wignes, Bailey McCormick, Michelle Greenough, Katie Newberry, Anna Johnson, Sarah Guilliat, James Larson, Stephanie Claussen, Courtney Adair, and Debra Schrader.

**Announcements and Agency Updates**

- Adair County Public Health – Stephanie is gathering data and input for the CHNA/HIP. She went through data with the group. Mental health, substance abuse and food recovery are the top three identified needs. Increasing mental health therapists in Adair County will be challenging. A survey will go out to gather for information.
- Lisa Carstens, ZION Integrated Behavioral Health Services, gave an update on strategies in all three priority areas for Adair County. For one of the tobacco priority area, she has partnered with Reshana VanDeuren (American Lung Association), Ryan DeVault (Iowa State Patrol) and Ryan Zenor (Iowa State Patrol) to offer an assembly on vaping. The first assembly was held on Monday, Feb. 13 at Nodaway Valley High School. The next assembly will be held at Orient-Macksburg with 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades in attendance this month. That assembly will include Adair County Sherriff Jeff Vandewater. She will also be teaching the LifeSkills Curriculum with two classes in the high school for two weeks this spring. For the problem gambling priority area, Lisa has deployed the Responsible Gambling Toolkit to 6 of the 11 lottery vendors in Adair County, as well as distributed Be #1 at Getting Help posters to promote that media campaign. She also mentioned she was still seeking groups to administer the Generation RX Curriculum to groups ages 65 and older for the Prescription Drugs priority.
- American Lung association- The Tobacco Control Quarterly Newsletter was shared with the group. The newsletter highlighted the Quitline Iowa Pregnancy Program. The Q3 Adair County update was also shared with the group. The update shared that staff has teamed up with ZION Integrated Health Services and local law enforcement to give presentation regarding youth tobacco and vaping use at Adair County high schools.
- DCAT/CPPC – There are mini grants available for up to \$950 that addresses one or more of the CPPC strategies. Love and Logic classes are currently going at SWCC. Parent Cafes will be offered in April.
- SWCC – the child care conference will be held February 18, 2023 at the SWCC campus.

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- Treasures Report – payments have been submitted through January.
- FY23 Program 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report – To date 3 adult sessions have been completed and 14 adults served. Stephanie is trained to deliver Connections Matter training and will serve 10 adults or more in the upcoming months.
- Child Abuse Prevention Awareness – Pinwheel vases will be distributed to the local libraries and 3 articles will be sent to the local news papers.
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- 4 R Kids Board – There is an opening on the board for a Dallas County representative and there are 2 new Adair County board members.
- Autism Follow-up - A letter was sent to HHS Director Garcia on behalf of the Adair County community partners regarding the need for diagnosis of autism, there has been no response.
- Legislation – Several bills were reviewed.
- HHS alignment – Shelley Horak is the newly names Early Intervention and Supports director who will oversee ECI, MEICV and Child Abuse Prevention.
- The FY23 federal poverty level guidelines was shared.
- Common Good Iowa has data reports available for each County, Adair county information was shared.

**Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 3:05. The next meeting will be April 11 2023 @ 2:00 p.m. and will be in person at the United Methodist Church in Greenfield.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, ECI Director