

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes

ZOOM

10:30am – 11:45 am

Wednesday February 22, 2023

Meeting Handouts

A [Dallas County Meeting Folder](#) is available for meeting handouts and other agency information. Go [here](#) to access the information and it is open to the public. Meeting agendas and minutes are located at www.4rkids-eci.org.

Attendance and Introductions

Michelle Greenough (CCR&R), Deb Seeman (Short Years), Beverly Stokes (The Family Place), Laney Christian (The Family Place), Vivian Aldredge (Dallas County Public Health), Jeanette Luthringer (Every Step), Lisa Carstens (Zion), Amanda McCall (Zion), Courtney Dennis (Zion), Linda White (Iowa Total Care), Reshana VanDeveren (American Lung), Baley McCormick (American Lung), Heidi Chapman (New Opps), Chelsea Pebbles (New Opps), Maci Anderson (Every Step), Alexis Bugger (Parent Partner), Tierney Sothman (Iowa AYEC), Hannah Vader Kopsa (CIAC) Myra Willms (ISU Extension), Elizabeth Morman (New Opps), and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids).

Agency and Other Information

- ZION - Lisa and Courtney updated the coalition on efforts being made for each of the priority areas (tobacco, marijuana & problem gambling) in their current action plan under the IPN Grant. Lisa will be teaching the LifeSkills Curriculum with 6th graders at Perry Middle School starting at the end of March. They are still looking for schools in Dallas County to teach the Prime for Life 420 curriculum yet this school year. Both Lisa, Courtney and Dawn have been deploying the Responsible Gambling Toolkits with lottery vendors in the county, as well as promoting the Be #1 at Getting Help campaign. ZION Prevention Department has a prevention specialist position open in Area 12, which includes Dallas County (details in email Dawn shared with the group).
- American Lung Association- Shared Tobacco Control Quarterly Newsletter and Q3 Dallas County Tobacco Control Update with the group. The Q3 Update highlighted that Lung Association staff are assisting childcare centers with implementing/updating tobacco and nicotine-free policies in Dallas County. The childcare one pager (shared in Google drive) highlights the benefits of a comprehensive tobacco/nicotine-free policy for childcare centers. Reach out to Reshana.Vandeuren@Lung.org for more information and policy assistance.
- Amanda McCall is looking for clients that need assistance with gambling education and support.
- Every Step has won the IDPH Title V and 1st Five contract and will now serve Polk, Dallas, Madison and Warren County.
- CIAC has 2 advocate positions available.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4RKids Board has a Dallas county position open January 1, 2023.
- A legislative update was provided; there were several bills that were reviewed.
- The FY23 preschool experience report was reviewed, Dallas County kindergartners had a 90.5% preschool experience rate.
- Common Goods cost of living report for Dallas County was reviewed.
- Common Goods snap shot report was reviewed.
- Uplift Iowa administered by the Harkin institute is taking applications for a basic income pilot project February 17- 27th.
- FY24 meeting dates were reviewed, they will mirror FY23.
- Health and Human Services alignment – Shelley Horak will be the new Intervention and Supports director which ECI, MEICHV, PCA other programs will be.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- The Child Abuse Prevention Conference will be May 9-10, 2023.
- The 2nd Quarter Report for sexual abuse prevention programming was reviewed; 3 sessions were provided and 126 adults were served, annual benchmarks are 30 sessions and 200 adults.
- Child abuse prevention awareness activities were discussed; wear blue day, board of supervisors proclamation set April 11, several fundraisers, grocery sacks, etc.

Next meeting: March 22, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader