

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes

ZOOM

10:30am – 11:45 am

Wednesday March 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

Megan Davidson (CCR&R), Lora Molina (Short Years), Beverly Stokes (The Family Place), Jeanette Luthringer (Every Step), Amanda McCall (Zion), Courtney Dennis (Zion), Heidi Chapman (New Opps), Hannah Vader Kopsa (CIAC), Jenny Felt (DCAT/CPPC), Deana Van Brocklin (Restorative Justice), Ben Quanbeck (Heart of Iowa), Abby Ward (Zion), Brenda Egger (Head Start), and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids).

Agency and Other Information

- Dawn Walton, ZION Integrated Behavioral Health Services, SUD. We have hired a new Prevention Specialist to help with Dallas County. Please welcome Abby Ward, from Audubon! We are excited to get her into all things Dallas County related. Please share upcoming activities/events with Abby as we would like to have more of a presence in Dallas County.
- Lisa Carstens, ZION Integrated Behavioral Health Services, SUD & Problem Gambling Prevention March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month. Prevention staff members have been busy distributing posters to businesses, as well as sack inserts in Dallas County to promote the Be #1 at Getting Help media campaign for the problem gambling strategy. We have also been deploying the responsible gambling toolkit to all lottery vendors in the county. Next week, I will start teaching the LifeSkills Training Curriculum to around 135 sixth graders to move the youth tobacco use strategy forward.
- Jenny Felt announced there at DCAT grants of up to \$1,000 for FY24.
- CIAC has positions available.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4RKids Board has a Dallas county position open on the board.
- 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.
- The 4 R Kids ECI indicators were reviewed.
- Common Goods snap shot report was reviewed.
- Medicaid changes were discussed. Due to the national public health emergency almost everyone one Medicaid will need to reapply. Additionally, members will be routed to all 3 MCO's.
- Medicaid births were reviewed, 40% of all babies born in Iowa were paid with Medicaid.
- FY24 meeting dates were reviewed, they will mirror FY23.
- Health and Human Services alignment – Dr. Ann Lebo will be the ECI results based accountability facilitator.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- The Child Abuse Prevention Conference will be May 9-10, 2023.
- The Biennial report has been filed with the secretary of state.
- The FY24 request for renewal is due April 1, this is the 3rd year of a 5 year grant.
- The state CPPC conference is April 19, 2023 fro 9-12.
- Child abuse prevention awareness activities will begin in April. Hannah reported on several activities planned.
- April 11, 2023 everyone is invited to attend the Dallas County Child Abuse proclamation at the Dallas County Board of Supervisors meeting

Next meeting: April 26, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader