

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes

Waukee Church of Hope
305 N.E. Dartmoor
Waukee, Iowa 50263
10:30am – 12 Noon
Wednesday May 24, 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

Rachel Bardwell (Short Years), Megan Jensen (Every Step), Carol Bayer (New Opps), Beth Morman (New Opps) Cassandra Dilly (New Opps), Brenda Egger (New Opps Head Start), Heidi Chapman (FaDSS New Opps), Tierney Sothman (Iowa AEYC), Christina McCally Paige Klinkenborg (Waukee Schools) Hannah Vader Kopsa (CIAC) Jenny Felt (DCAT/CPPC), Melissa McCoy (Molina Health Care) Virginia Barrette (Molina Health Care) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids).

MCO Value Added Benefits Overview – Representatives from Iowa Total Care and Molina Health Care provided an overview of their value added benefits.

Agency and Other Information

- Molina Health Care - The Molina/Count the Kicks Baby Shower will be virtual and set for Thursday, September 14th – open to prospective and current Molina members - currently pregnant or have a child six months or less.

Mom's Meals Value Added Benefits

- This benefit is intended to support the nutritional needs during pregnancy and when breastfeeding; Members who are pregnant or through the first year postpartum
 - Members must access this benefit through their Molina Case Manager.
 - The details of what is considered 'high risk' OB are still being worked out.
- 1st Five ill have a lunch and learn on childrens mental health June 22, 2023 at 12:00.
 - Head Start in Waukee has expanded and collaborating with the Waukee Schools, they also have a waiting list.
 - Short Years has openings for families in Dallas County who meet the enrollment criteria.
 - Waukee Schools is sponsoring Picnic and Play activities this summer for youth under age 17.
 - Crisis Intervention and Advocacy is having their annual garage sale June 1 – 3 at the Faith Lutheran Church in Adel.
 - New Opportunities has free space heaters, air conditioners and fans for those who qualify.
 - Lisa Carstens, Certified Prevention Specialist from ZION Integrated Behavioral Health Services

Lisa reported that prevention staff have deployed the Responsible Gambling Toolkit to all 44 lottery vendors in Dallas County! The next step will be to implement policy change regarding responsible gambling. Staff have also been busy promoting the Be #1 @ Getting Help Campaign by hanging posters in area businesses, as well as providing sack inserts this spring. Lisa also shared that when she taught the LifeSkills training to the sixth graders at Perry High School 95% of the students had an increase in knowledge. Unfortunately, staff were unable to administer the Prime for Life Program during the 2022-2023 school year, but they have met with schools that are interested in 2023-2024.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4RKids Board has a Adair, Dallas and Warren county position open on the board. They have also renewed all existing contracts for early childhood services. This is the last year of a 3 year funding cycle.
- Legislative update – only one child care bill was moved on this year, HF707, child care assistance eligibility and reimbursement rates.
- The UpLift project was reviewed; 300 families applied and 11 families were chosen to partake in the research project where each family will receive \$500 a month for 24 months.
- Medicaid and Hawki guidelines changed April 1, 2023 and a handout was available thanks to EveryStep.
- Child Welfare by the number was reviewed.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- The National Child Abuse Prevention Conference will be August 22-24 in Baltimore Maryland.
- The Hy-Vee fundraiser netted \$159.90.
- Hannah reported on sexual abuse prevention programming; 212 adults have been served the goal was 200.

Next meeting: June 28, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader