



# 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

August 22, 2023

10:00AM-11:30AM

Hybrid Meeting

### ❖ Members Attending (14 Online – Missing in person sign in sheet):

- Barb Shultz – NAMI South Central Iowa
- Brenda Wood-Clark – Choices Therapy Services
- Carla Tripp – Safe Families for Children
- Karen Goff – Broadlawns WIC
- Kelly Phelps – Child Care Resource and Referral
- Lacy Andre – Parent Partner Program
- Lori Jensen – Children and Families of Iowa
- Marlie Atwood – Eyerly Ball
- Maya Whitaker - EFR
- Nikki Gunn - EFR
- Rachel Bardwell – Short Years
- Sarah Gibson - CPPC
- Terra Cleveland – Aging Resources
- Veronica McVay - WCHS

### ❖ Welcome

### ❖ Old Business

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

### ❖ Presentation

- Mildred Chihak – HIRTA Volunteer Program

### ❖ New Business

#### ➤ 4 R Kids Early Childhood Committee Update (Debra Schrader)

- Lead: Deb Schrader ([4rkidseci@gmail.com](mailto:4rkidseci@gmail.com))
  - The FY23 4RKids Executive Summary was shared with the group.
  - HHS has implemented a one-year statewide pilot project that allows the child care workforce to apply for child care assistance for their own children, no matter income limits. More information is on the HHS website.
  - An updated was provided about the HHS assessment being conducted on 19 programs in which HHS administers. ECI, DCAT, CPPC, local public health and many more are included in the assessment. There were 4 townhall meetings and 3 electronic meetings to gather input as well as survey for the public to complete. Recommendations for a restructure will be provided in October.
  - The 2023 county health rankings are were reviewed. Warren County ranks 24th out of 99 counties for overall health outcomes.

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

- Co-Leads: Sue Wilson ([warrencountyhelpinghand@gmail.com](mailto:warrencountyhelpinghand@gmail.com)) & Teri Wolf ([terie.wolf@unitedwaydm.org](mailto:terie.wolf@unitedwaydm.org))

#### ➤ Integrated Provider Network Grant Update:

- Leads: Nichole Gunn ([ngunn@efr.org](mailto:ngunn@efr.org)) & Penny Seidenkranz ([pseidenkranz@efr.org](mailto:pseidenkranz@efr.org))
  - Our workplan has not changed from the last year, and we look forward to providing services again this year!
- **Member Updates (Both Present & Not):**
  - Sarah Gibson (CPPC/DCAT Coordinator-Madison, Marion and Warren)
    - The CPPC Steering Committee will be meeting virtually from here on out. We will continue to meet bi-monthly with our next meeting being October 3rd at 12:30pm. If you'd like to be added to the mailing list, please email Sarah at [IndianolaClusterCPPC@gmail.com](mailto:IndianolaClusterCPPC@gmail.com).
  - Veronica McVay – Warren County Health Services
    - Warren County Health Services providing Hawki, presumptive eligibility and 1st Five services. Hawki is going well, we provided information on all our programs at the recent Warren County Fair. I can assist families who need help applying for insurance through Presumptive Eligibility for children birth to 17 years old. Please call or email me with any questions at 515-961-1074 OR [veronicam@warrencountyia.org](mailto:veronicam@warrencountyia.org)
  - Bre Degelau – Crisis Services (Flyers can be found in the drive)
    - Our Mobile Crisis Response Team services are available 24/7 365 a year to anyone experiencing a mental health crisis. We don't define a crisis, so it could truly be anything (feeling overwhelmed, anxious, suicidal, substance use, etc.). The service is available to all ages and is free of charge to anyone utilizing the service. Anyone can receive Mobile Crisis by contacting the state wide crisis lines (988 or YourLifelowa 855-581-8111). Once they have contacted the crisis line, crisis counselors will help them navigate what they need. If an in person response would be helpful, they will dispatch our team which consists of 2 trained counselors. They respond in an unmarked vehicle and can respond anywhere in the community within 60 minutes (school, home, wherever). They will help identify the presenting crisis, work through safety plans, and provide support. After the initial crisis the individual or family will also receive a follow up call within 24 hours from a case manager who can further work with them on establishing services or resources if needed.
    - If our Mobile Crisis Team determines that a higher level of care is needed for stabilization, but they are able to stay safe in the community, they may refer them to our Crisis Stabilization Community Based Services. This program is currently only accessed through our Mobile Crisis Response Team, so there are no additional steps for you to take other than contacting 988 or YourLifelowa for an MCRT response. If referred the individual will receive a phone or video assessment from a licensed mental health professional within 2 hours to determine eligibility. If eligible, the person would then receive a case management call within 24 hours to set up services for the following 5 days which would entail an in person visit with a case manager each day for an hour to work on goals and resources in addition to a virtual appointment with a mental health professional each day for 15-60 minutes.
  - Terra Cleveland
    - No significant updates, continuing to provide Farmer's Market Checks. Also continuing to utilize We-Lift offices Mondays typically 9:30 - 1:00 to meet with residents who would like to discuss services/resources.
    - 120 thousand lowans were unenrolled in Medicaid at last count., not surprising as I'm hearing the same concerns in Marion and Jasper counties. If you have homebound

persons, or someone who needs a bit more assistance in re-applying please reach out and I can assist.

- Gabbie Ruggiero – UCS Healthcare (flyers in drive)
  - Gabbie Ruggiero, Outreach Coordinator for UCS Healthcare: UCS's Mobile MAT Unit is at WeLift Job Search Center the first and third Mondays of the month (except Labor Day) providing free physical and behavioral health screenings, wound care, HIV/HepC testing, naloxone distribution, and Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder. Learn more by contacting Gabbie at 515-309-2887 or [gabbieruggiero@ucsdsm.org](mailto:gabbieruggiero@ucsdsm.org).

➤ **Other Business**

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- 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/1D7mQgyvTCLxvfLr22I\\_i0d9ksLIMUnlZWCC](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1D7mQgyvTCLxvfLr22I_i0d9ksLIMUnlZWCC)
- Resource List: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xyf\\_l6UgLVJm7lMAwJWLNlR2o2X3tEILwNOUVGID3nk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xyf_l6UgLVJm7lMAwJWLNlR2o2X3tEILwNOUVGID3nk/edit?usp=sharing)