



# 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

September 6th, 2023

10:00AM-11:30AM

Hybrid Meeting

### ❖ Members Attending (28):

- Amy Trumblee
- Barb Shultz – Recovery Project Iowa
- Betsy Stursma - CICS
- Brad Johnson
- Brittni Horstman – Indianola High School
- Catherine Reaman-Gerdes – Crisis & Advocacy
- Cynthia Tracy
- Debra Schrader – 4 R Kids ECI
- Gabbie Ruggiero – UCS Healthcare
- Haley Broich – FaDSS Program
- Joelle Stolte – Warren County Public Health
- Jordan Jenkins - EFR
- Karen Goff – Broadlawns WIC
- Kelly Phelps – Child Care Resource and Referral
- Kelsey Marman – Warren County
- Linda White – Iowa Total Care
- Lori Jensen
- Maddy Lemons - EFR
- Megan Jensen - Everystep
- Morgan Dodge – Orchard Place
- Nikki Gunn - EFR
- Paige Grochala
- Rachel Bardwell – Short Years
- Raichel Beierle - EFR
- Rob Hawkins – Indianola Police Department
- Sarah Downard – General Assistance
- Sarah Gibson – CPPC/DCAT
- Veronica McVay - WCHS

### ❖ Welcome

### ❖ Old Business

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

### ❖ Presentation

- Sandie Quinn, Iowa 211

### ❖ New Business

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

- Lead: Deb Schrader ([4rkidseci@gmail.com](mailto:4rkidseci@gmail.com))
  - The Warren County Family Support referral maps was reviewed. Any changes need to be submitted to Deb by September 15th.
  - An update on state of Iowa on boards, commissions, and councils was provided. There are 257 boards that have been reviewed and recommendations for elimination, changes/mergers, and stay as is will be sent to the Governor by September 30th. The state ECI board will remain as is.

- An update on the HHS assessment was provided. Recommendations on 19 programs will be released mid October.
- The 2023 ALICE report was provided to the group.
- **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:**
  - Lead: Nichole Gunn ([ngunn@efr.org](mailto:ngunn@efr.org))
    - The IPN grant funds multiple opportunities for Warren County, if you have any questions or would like a presentation please reach out.
- **Member Updates (Both Present & Not):**
  - Gabbie Ruggiero, UCS
    - 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—upcoming dates are Sept. 18, Oct. 2, and Oct. 16 from 10-1. We provide free physical and behavioral health screenings, wound care, HIV/HepC testing, naloxone (Narcan), 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).
  - Veronica McVay, 1<sup>st</sup> 5
    - Veronica McVay: Warren County Health Services. There has been an uptick in Presumptive Eligibility applications. If a family has a child birth to 18 they can call our office 515-961-1074 to schedule an appointment. Pregnant individuals can contact EveryStep for assistance with health insurance at 515-558-6243. Please call or email me at [veronicam@warrencountyia.org](mailto:veronicam@warrencountyia.org)
  - Rachel Bardwell, Short Years
    - Short Years is hiring a Parent Educator to serve families in Warren County. Please note this is a part time position.
    - Candidates can apply here: <https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=e2326fe90e0418bd>
    - The job posting is also attached. Questions about the position can be directed to our Executive Director, Sheena Sullivan, at [sheena@shortyears.org](mailto:sheena@shortyears.org).
  - Sarah Gibson, CPPC/DeCAT
    - The Statewide CPPC Learning Exchange will take place in person on November 15th. This event is free and includes lunch. More information to follow!
    - If you have any community events, trainings, job postings, etc. you'd like added to our website ([www.cppconline1.com](http://www.cppconline1.com)) and/or sent out in our weekly email OR if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, please let me know by emailing [IndianolaClusterCPPC@gmail.com](mailto:IndianolaClusterCPPC@gmail.com).
    - 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).
  - Sue Wilson, WeLift
    - I spoke today about UpLift Iowa and they are hosting another showing of the documentary from the City of Chelsea. Below is something I wrote to our city/county leaders encouraging them to go. I think it would be great to send out to the coalition.
    - About six months ago Indianola and Warren County residents were invited to participate in a pilot study called, "UpLIFT Iowa." Indianola and WC residents were signed up to be

randomly selected to participate in a program where \$500.00 a month would be given to the families to be used as they need and when they used the money given to them on a card, the expenses were tracked to figure out how the families were using the money; rent, utilities, food, medications etc. This Central Iowa pilot was sparked by the work that was done by city leadership in the City of Chelsea, MA during COVID as a way to more effectively provide stability to residents. Yesterday, I had the opportunity to take part in a conversation about this pilot program and view the documentary of "Raising the Floor" about the City of Chelsea. The Varsity Cinema on Drake Campus will host another showing of the documentary next Tuesday, September 12th 5:30-7:00pm. It is only a 30 minute movie, but I believe it warrants the time to understand how communities are working together to understand social service challenges and moving towards solutions.

- Below is the registration for the link to register and get engaged in this pilot study and lead us into brainstorming on how programs like these will bring positive change to our economic landscape and quality of life in Indianola and Warren County, You will understand how this program supported local business owners, landlords, food pantries and city/county morale.
- <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ejyidwm4e99c9d22&oseq=&c=6000157c-30b1-11ee-8506-fa163eeaf818&ch=60035034-30b1-11ee-8506-fa163eeaf818>
- Kelsey Marmon, WCPH
  - I am a Child Passenger Safety Tech (CPST) and I have a handful of car seats from the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau that I can provide to families for free. In order to receive these, the family would need to come to my office (or another mutually agreed upon location in Warren County). The family would receive some child passenger safety/occupant protection education, assistance with installing the seat in their vehicle, and educational materials regarding state law and best practices.
  - I've provided these seats to many foster families in the past, with the understanding that the child seat belongs to the child and goes with them if they are reunified with parents or placed in another home.
- Josie Redman, ALA
  - Members of the coalition, Central Iowa Communities in Action (CICiA) will provide information directed towards parents, caregivers or individual who interact with teens on vaping and substance misuse. The American Lung Association will provide background and resources focused on teen vaping and Employee and Family Resources will provide background and resources focused on teen marijuana misuse. The webinar will be 60 minutes and allow time for questions. Additionally, this webcast is approved for 1 hour of foster parent training credit.
  - <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/8f9ca130-adb8-451a-908f-679ce3cb034b@81c0c692-d438-4e69-90f3-c0f2c88a4ec7>

➤ **Other Business**

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- Coalition Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WarrenCountyCaresCoalition>
- Coalition Agenda and Minutes: <https://tinyurl.com/WCCCMinutesandAgendas>
- 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)