



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

Oct 4 , 2023

10:00AM-11:30AM

Hybrid Meeting

➤ Members Attending (17):

- Andrea Carlson
- Anna Rodriguez- Popp
- Catherine Reaman-Gerdes – Crisis & Advocacy
- Crystal Elis- Norwalk Area Ministerial Association
- Debra Schrader – 4 R Kids ECI
- Elodie
- Joelle Stolte – Warren County Public Health
- Jordan Jenkins - EFR
- Kelsey Marman – Warren County
- Morgan Dodge – Orchard Place
- Nikki Gunn - EFR
- Paige Grochala
- Rachel Klein- Warren County Helping Hand
- Sandie Quinn
- Sue Wilson
- Tabatha Mclain
- Veronica McVay - WCHS

➤ Welcome

➤ Old Business

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

➤ Presentation

- Anna Rodriguez- Popp

➤ New Business

○ 4 R Kids Early Childhood Committee Update (Debra Schrader)

- Lead: Deb Schrader (4rkidseci@gmail.com)

- Information was shared regarding recommendations for Iowa Boards and Commissions. There will be 111 fewer boards, 450 Governor appointed members, modernization of open meetings laws to allow virtual or hybrid options, and elimination of gender balance requirements. The state ECI board will remain but will encompass other boards.
- The HHS assessment and recommendations to changes of 19 programs is to be released this month.
- The 4 R Kids ECI board is planning an informational meeting October 26, 2023 at the Waukee YMCA and has invited all legislators in the 4-

county area. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about the HHS assessment and share the positive work of ECI.

- The 4 R Kids ECI board has recently funded a pilot stay bonus project for child centers and will focus one center in each of the 4 counties. The purpose of the stay bonus is to retain child care staff.
- **Hunger Free Warren County/Helping Hand Update**
 - Co-Leads: Sue Wilson (warrencountyhelpinghand@gmail.com) & Teri Wolf (terie.wolf@unitedwaydm.org)
- **Integrated Provider Network Grant Update:**
 - Lead: Nichole Gunn (ngunn@efr.org)
 - IPN Grant had some changes that were made in some of the strategies. We are still waiting on approval.
- **Member Updates (Both Present & Not):**
 - Sarah Gibson (CPPC/DCAT Coordinator-Madison, Marion and Warren): Our website (www.cppconline1.com) has a ton of resources available to you all. If you would like to send a training, job posting, community event, etc. from your agency, I'd be happy to post that on our website and send it out in Monday's emails. If you'd like to be added to the mailing list for our Monday website updates (email containing all the things I know to be happening that week), send me an email at IndianolaClusterCPPC@gmail.com. On November 15th from 9:00am-3:30pm we will be holding our CPPC Statewide Learning Convening in Des Moines at the Holiday Inn on Merle Hay. The theme is building relationships and trust in communities. This is a FREE event with a light breakfast and lunch provided. Contact me if you'd like the registration link.
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- **Other Business**

Contact Information:

- Coalition Email: warrencountycarescoalition@gmail.com
- 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/1D7mQgyvTCLxvflr22l_i0d9ksLIMUnlZWCC
- Resource List: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xyf_I6UgLVJm7lMAwJWLNLr2o2X3tEILwNOUVGID3nk/edit?usp=sharing