



### KIDS Coalition

*“Collaboration between 1st Five, Prevent Child Abuse Madison County, and 4 R Kids with a focus on Madison County children and families”*

**Meeting started at 12:00**  
**Minutes and Agendas posted at [www.4rkids-ecci.org](http://www.4rkids-ecci.org)**  
**December 13, 2023**  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**Winterset, Iowa 50273**

**Additional meeting materials are located:**  
**<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UNBiVQftkVVo3ajMnRR0KH31tW2NIMm>**  
**Minutes**

#### Attendance

Melissa McCoy, Jess Petter, Angela Peterson, Bailey Wiggins, Kate Jensen, Jamie Swearington, Myra Willms, Kari Verden, Dawn Walton, Lisa Carstens, Sami Heitoff, Veronica McVay, Kelsy Marmon, and Debra Schrader.

#### Introductions/Announcements

- **Zion** –Dawn Walton, Certified Prevention Specialist, ZION Integrated Behavioral Health Services  
We are still working on getting into schools in Madison County with the LifeSkills curriculum. This curriculum does incorporate alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana information. Prevention Specialists will continue to send the monthly newsletter and Toilet Times to school districts with information on substances.
- **Zion** - Lisa Carstens, Certified Prevention Specialist, ZION Integrated Behavioral Health Services  
Sometimes there are holiday parties or even casual gatherings that include alcohol during the holidays. Lisa shared with the group to drink responsibly and remember the youth that are around. A glass of beer is 12 oz, a glass of wine is 5 oz, and hard liquor is only 1.5 ounces. These are all considered one drink and shared a business card size hand out with this information. Lisa also reminded the group of the media campaign related to gambling in Madison County is called Be #1 at Getting Help. Also, with the holidays upon us, she suggested to the group to not give lottery tickets at gifts or stocking stuffers to those under the age of 21.
- **Amerigroup** – Is rebranding and changing their name to Well Care.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Five

- No Report

#### 4 R Kids ECI and Other

- 4 R Kids Board – There is an opening on the board for a Dallas County representative.
- There was no news on the HHS Service Delivery System Assessment, Recommendations to changes to 19 different programs were to come out in October.
- FY23 CCRR data was shared; 3 child care providers have an IQ4K rating out of 21 programs.
- Preschool experience data was shared with the group; Madison county’s rate is 83.4% and the four county area average is 84.9% which is down 2.6% from the previous year.
- 4 R Kids indicators and community plan updates were shared.
- Data from the SAMSHA 2022 national survey on drug use and health was shared. A special note 73.2% of youth 12-17 that used nicotine products only vaped.
- Percent of families with all parents working and children under 6 for Madison County is 79.9% and Iowa 75.7%.
- Child poverty data was shared; Madison County’s child poverty rate is 7.7%.
- Free and reduced lunch rate was shared by school district Earlham 19.4%, Interstate 35 23.9%, and Winterset 34.0%.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Next meeting will be February 14, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church