MADISON COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL 11, 2012

Present: Bonnie Bass, Joyce Kooker, Connie Jackson, Deb Schrader, Pete Skerik, Sara Tessmer, Joy Rouse, Myra Willms, Sarah Anker, Becky Conrad, Deb Schrader, & Mike Wells.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bonnie Bass. Introductions were given by those present.

The minutes of the February meeting were available for those who wished to read them.

Mike Wells reported on pre-school sign up. Total enrollment of Head Start, Pretend Kindergarten, Little Huskies, and Wee Learners was 122 4 year olds. Winterset School District pays the salary of the Head Start teacher. All pre-school teachers are special education certified. Quality standards are also used. Free tuition is offered for low income families. With the help of Sharee Wood, we are transporting 85 students with the trolleys.

Pre-school registration for 2012-2013 school year was a total of 140 students, both 3 and 4 year olds.

Mike Wells also reported on the After School program. 93 students, grades K through 6th are enrolled. They all receive healthy snacks prepared by the Culinary Arts students. The first item is doing homework so it isn't necessary to take home. Mike stated $50,000 in at risk funding will be available used to run the program year round next year. There is a total of $411,000 in at risk funding. The county partners are paid $1000 each for their participation on specific days.

We will know on April 25th if the Prevent Child Abuse grant of $27,000 is available.

Deb Schrader reported that approx. $2500 from the Women's Giving Group was used for gas vouchers that are available at the Multi- purpose center. They can only be used for transportation.

Sara Tessmer stated she planned to start a new 8 week course in Family Nutrition on April 17th in Winterset. Low numbers could push back the start date.

Joy Rouse gave everyone a copy of a current publication from the Extention called "Who Cares for Iowa's Children." It is an excellent piece that could be used for publication at local levels.