

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes

Waukee Church of Hope

305 N.E. Dartmoor

Waukee, Iowa 50263

10:30am – 12 Noon

Wednesday September 27, 2023

Meeting Handouts

A [Dallas County Meeting Folder](#) is available for meeting handouts and other agency information. Go [here](#) to access the information and it is open to the public. Meeting agendas and minutes are located at www.4rkids-eci.org.

Attendance and Introductions

Khulud Abduhamid (Short Years), Amy Vigon (Every Step), Carol Bayer (New Opps), Jody Tate (New Opps), Heidi Chapman (New Opps), Paige Klinkenborg (Waukee Schools), Hannah Vander Kopsa (CIAC), Amanda Whalert (Zion), Jane Tigges (Zion), Deana Van Brocklin (Juvenile Court), Val Cameron (ISU Extension), Michelle Greenough (CCRR), Jenny Felt (DCAT), Dawn Holt (LSI) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids).

Agency and Other Information

- Lisa Carstens, Certified Prevention Specialist from ZION Integrated Behavioral Health Services - September is Responsible Gaming Education Month. This is a good time to remind everyone of the excellent resource from The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, the Your Life Iowa (YLI) Website (www.yourlifeiowa.org). This site offers help with Alcohol, Drugs, Suicide, Mental Health (adults and youth) and Gambling. Lisa encourages everyone to check out the Website, especially the section on gambling. Those struggling or concerned persons can reach by calling 855.581.8111, texting 855.895.8398, or choosing the live chat option. Here's a video that shares what will happen when they contact the help line: https://youtu.be/nLRG48Rlh48?si=FGLkMDS6ArJf_IoC.
- CIAC – A car show will be September 10, 2023 from 2:00-6:00 in Boutin.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4RKids Board has Dallas County position open on the board.
- Recommendations on the changes to 19 programs that run through HHS should be available around mid-October.
- Iowa Boards and commissions recommendations were reviewed, the state ECI board will remain, 111 boards of 257 will be eliminated.
- The Dallas County early childhood services map was reviewed and changes made where necessary.
- The Dallas County family support map was reviewed and changes made where necessary.
- Data on Latinos in Iowa was reviewed, Dallas County 6.5% Latino population, the county with the highest Latino population is Crawford County with 29.7%
- Data was reviewed regarding brightwheel and Playground technology, 31% of child care providers are using technology grants. There are 6 counties in Iowa who are not participating.
- A list of child care incentives was reviewed.
- A child care workforce study conducted by Iowa AVEC and I2D2 was reviewed. Recommendations included are, sustainable ways to raise wages; employee benefits; good work environment; data collection and misunderstandings of child care businesses.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- The FY23 DCCAC executive summary was shared with the group.
- The FY24 1st quarter report will be due soon.
- The 990's for 2021, 2022 and 2023 have filed with the IRS.
- Val provided an overview of Theory of Change. Additionally she attended the Child Abuse America conference and provided an overview of the conference.

The next meeting is October 25, 2023. Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader