

# Dallas County Coalition

## Minutes

Wauke Church of Hope  
305 N.E. Dartmoor  
Wauke, Iowa 50263  
10:30am – 12 Noon  
Wednesday April 23, 2024

### 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](http://www.4rkids-eci.org).

### Attendance and Introductions

Deb Seeman (Short Years), Amy Vigon (Every Step), Jenny Felt (DCAT), Lenny Christianson (The Family Place), Val Cameron (ISU Extension), Dawn Holt (LSI), Abigail Chihak (Dallas County Public Health), Paige Klingenberg (Wauke Schools), Kacy Barrow-Miner (CIAC), Alex Rohn (Mind Spring), Reshana VanDeuren (American Lung), Michelle Greenough (CCRR), Deana Van Brocklin (Juvenile Court) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids).

### Agency and Other Information

- American Lung Staff shared tobacco control Q4 update and quarterly newsletter. The quarterly newsletter highlighted youth tobacco control efforts, policy updates, information on Quitline Iowa and tobacco control resources.
- Medicaid- Open choice is available for those who would like to switch MCO's.
- Picknick and Play – there will be 7 locations this summer for summer meals.

**Presentation** – Abigail Chihak with Dallas County Public Health provided a presentation regarding the community needs assessment to be performed with Dallas, Warren and Polk County and the hospitals in the metro.

### Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4RKids Board has Dallas County position open on the board.
- A legislative update was provided.
- The 4 R Kids ECI Board indicators were reviewed.
- 0-5 population trends for Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren were reviewed.
- A one-page community health needs assessment compilation for Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County were reviewed.
- Information about the 4 R Kids community plan was provided. The 4 R Kids ECI board will go through designation in FY25.
- The committee provided input into the strengths and areas of improvement for Dallas County and will be incorporated into the community plan.
- The FY25 meeting calendar was reviewed, the meetings will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:30 at the Lutheran Church of Hope in Wauke, except for November, December, and January.

### Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- The Prevent Child Abuse conference is April 30 – May 1, 2024. CIAC has funding available to attend the conference.
- April is child abuse awareness month and several awareness activities are scheduled or completed.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report for sexual abuse prevention programming will be presented at the next meeting.
- The FY25 contract has been signed and approved; this is the last year of a 5-year grant.
- No treasurers report due to medical leave.

Connections matter training was following the meeting with 25 people registered to attend. The next meeting is May 22, 2024. Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader