

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes

Waukee Church of Hope
305 N.E. Dartmoor
Waukee, Iowa 50263
10:30am – 12 Noon
Wednesday August 28, 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.

Attendance and Introductions

Marianan Gill (Short Years), Natalie Peters (Dallas County Public Health), Jenny Felt (DCAT), Lenny Christianson (The Family Place), Reshana VanDeuren (American Lung), Val Cameron (ISU Extension), Amanda McKee (LSI), Rachel Cecil (Heart of Iowa), Darci Alt (Heart of Iowa), Lisa Carstens (Zion) Megan Davidson (CCRR), Kaylie Graham (CIAC), KayCee Miner Barrows (CIAC), Amy Vigon (EveryStep), Cassandra Del Toro Ruiz (New Opps), Jami Johnson (New Opps FaDSS), Carol Bayer (New Opps), Jenny Felt (DCAT/CPPC), Amanda Wahlert (Zion), Shelley Flanery (Ivery Plans), Heidi Chapman (New Opps) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids).

Presentation

Amanda McCall with Lutheran Services in Iowa provided a presentation of the new MOMS program that is state wide.

Agency and Other Information

- CCRR has a logo change.
- CIAC - Cruise into Bouton will be 9-28-24 from 11:00-4:00; CIAC is working with US Dept of Justice regarding the school shooting
- American Lung Association - Staff shared the FY25 tobacco control goals and initiatives in Dallas County. Staff is working on youth tobacco programming, community education, tobacco policy change, and providing Quitline Iowa resources with community members. Please reach out to Reshana.vandeuren@lung.org to further discuss tobacco/nicotine resources and support.
- Zion - Prevention specialists have been working with schools in Dallas County to schedule LifeSkills curriculum and Prime for Life curriculum during the 2024-2025 school year, as well as other presentations. September is Responsible Gaming Education Month. Lisa shared tips from the American Gaming Associations Have a Game Plan Toolkit – set a budget and stick to it, keep it social, learn the game, and play legally. She also shared 1-800-BETSOFF resources to take and use.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4 R Kids Board has Dallas County position open on the board.
- The 4 R Kids FY24 executive summary was provided to the group.
- The new behavioral health services map was provided, Dallas County is group with several other counties which includes Polk.
- Medicaid birth data was reviewed, Dallas County has the lowest rate at 18.9% of babies born were paid with Medicaid funding compared to Iowa at 41.2%
- There is a new child care website the Governor announced August 22 called Iowa Child Care Connect.
- HHS system snap shot data for the 4 R Kids ECI area was provided.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- The Prevent Child Abuse conference next year will be April 29-30, 2025.
- The 990EZ has been completed for the Council.
- There will be regional PCA meetings held in October.

The next meeting is September 25, 2024. Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader