



# Warren County Cares Coalition

Vision: Community agencies and members coming together to share local updates, programming, and news to support the overall health, well-being, and quality of life in Warren County, IA.



## Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2024

10:00AM-11:30AM

Hybrid Meeting

### ➤ Members Attending (31):

- Abby Holt - EFR
- Angie Croll – Norwalk Ministerial
- Bethany Cecot – ISU Extension
- Brenda Wood-Clark – Choices Therapy Services
- Casey Keller - EFR
- Catherine Reaman-Gerdes – Crisis Advocacy Services
- Christy Porter - CFI
- Crystal Ellis – Norwalk Ministerial
- Deb Schrader – 4RKids
- Ethan Wulf - EFR
- Emily Easton – Four Oaks
- Falon Flander - WCHS
- Jacy West – Indianola Public Library
- Jamie Michelsen – Indianola Parks & Rec
- Jessi Balk - IMPACT
- Jordan Jenkins – EFR
- Kari Virden – Molina Healthcare
- Kelly Phelps – Childcare Resource and Referral
- Kelsey Marmon - WCHS
- Laura Teachout - MercyOne
- Lauren Asman - EFR
- Lori Reynolds – VA-CIHCS
- Megan Jensen – Everystep 1<sup>st</sup> Five
- Mildred Chichak – HIRTA Helps
- Myra Willms – ISU Extension
- Nichole Speirs – Parent Partner
- Ricki Hall – Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Rob Hawkins- Indianola PD
- Sammy Brand – ISU Extension
- Terra Cleveland – Aging Resources
- Veronica McVay - WCHS

### ➤ Welcome

### ➤ Old Business

- Agenda and Minutes Accepted

### ➤ Presentation

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### ➤ New Business

- **4 R Kids Early Childhood Committee Update (Debra Schrader)**
  - Lead: Deb Schrader ([4rkidseci@gmail.com](mailto:4rkidseci@gmail.com))
    - Medicaid birth data was reviewed; In 2023 Warren County had 615 births and 151 or 24.6% were paid with Medicaid funding, the state average is 41.2%.
    - The 4 R Kids ECI area will go through the designation process in FY24 and many community partners will be invited to a meeting facilitated by HHS.

- The RFP for the ASO's was released on August 30, 2024. There are 7 regions and Warren County is in region 5 with several other counties including Polk County.
- The Governor announced a new child care website Iowa Child care connect that will provide a resource for those looking for child care.
- **Food Insecurity/WeLift Update**
  - Lead: Sue Wilson ([WeliftDirector2006@gmail.com](mailto:WeliftDirector2006@gmail.com))
    - No updates sent this month
- **Integrated Provider Network Grant Update:**
  - Leads: Jordan Jenkins ([jjenkins@efr.org](mailto:jjenkins@efr.org))
    - No updates sent this month
- **Member Updates (Both Present & Not):**
  - No updates sent this month
- **Other Business**

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- 4R Kids Google Drive: [https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1D7mQgyvTCLxvLr22I\\_i0d9ksLIMUnlZWCC](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1D7mQgyvTCLxvLr22I_i0d9ksLIMUnlZWCC)
- Meeting Address: 301 N Buxton St. Indianola, IA 50125