

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes

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

Attendance and Introductions

Khulud Abdulhamid (Short Years), Abigail Chihak (Dallas County Public Health), Jenny Felt (DCAT), Lenny Christianson (The Family Place), Dawn Holt (LSI), Bridgette Skalla (Zion), Michelle Greenough (CCRR), Heidi Chapman (New Opps), Shelley Flanery (Ivory Plans), Reshana VanDeuren (American Lung), Ricki Hall (Big Brothers Big Sisters), Carol Bayer (New Opps), Megan Jensen (Every Step), Gina Wells (Every Step) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids).

Agency and Other Information

- **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. Also there is a new tobacco product called ZYN.
- **CCRR** – There has been a rebranding of CCRR.
- **New Opps** – Low-income energy assistance is available; a family of 4 making \$62,400 may qualify.
- **Every Step** – Information was shared about Medicaid; income requirements and exceptions were also shared. It was noted that hospitals can request emergency Medicaid funding for up to 3 days of emergency care if the person is not insured.

Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4 R Kids Board has Dallas, Adair and Warren County positions open on the board.
- There will be 2 constitutional amendments on the November 5th ballot.
- A list of legislative candidates was provided.
- Free mental health counseling is available with the University of Iowa's telepsychology.
- An update on Thrive pilots was provided along with a one-page document; CRISP in Madison and County and Warren County Public Health will be the 2 pilots for FY25.
- CCRR data was provided by Michelle Greenough.
- The Iowa Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health summit is October 25 from 8:00-2:00, its online and free.
- 2023 death rate and birth rates was provided. Dallas County 632 deaths and 1,382 births.

Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- The Prevent Child Abuse conference next year will be April 29-30, 2025.
- An update on programming 1st quarter reported was shared.
- The checking account balance is \$2,819.62.
- Hannah Rivas has resigned effective November 5, 2024 as treasurer and Megan Jensen will be the new treasurer effective November 6, 2024 for DCCAC.

The next in person meeting is February 25, 2025. However, a Zoom meeting may be scheduled due in December of January to the current climate of change.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader