

Success 4 Kids
&
Adair County Early Childhood Committee
Minutes/Notes
Greenfield United Church
108 S.W. 5th Street
Greenfield Iowa
Tuesday February 11, 2025
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Attendance

Kirstie Nixon, Courtney Adair, Megan Davidson, Lisa Carstens, Stephanie Claussen, Amanda Wahlert, Jamie Swearingin, Reshana Van Deuren, Jackie Giles, Kaylie Graham, James Larson, and Debra Schrader.

Announcements and Agency Updates

- SWCC – Has a parttime 20-30 hours a week parent educator position to serve several counties. PAT is going through the PAT quality improvement process. The Early Childhood Seminar is March 29, 2025 at SWCC.

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- There is approximately \$600 in the Councils account.
- The 2nd quarter report was reviewed representing July through December; 12 of 55 networking meetings were conducted, 8 of 15 parents served and 1 of 2 policies were reviewed. The project is on target. Total spent \$4,507.78 of \$9,841 awarded.
- The FY26 PCA grant application was released. There can only be one applicant per ECI area. A team representing Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County met and agreed to have Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council be the legal application. Home visitation and sexual abuse prevention education will be applied for a maximum award to be up to \$90,000. A letter of support from ECI is a requirement.
- The Stronger Together Child Abuse conference is April 29-30 in Ankeny. CIAC may have funds to assist with registration.
- There is a new program manager at PCA, Colleen Theis.

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- DCAT/CCPP – No reports.
- The new 2025 Federal poverty guidelines were reviewed.
- A list of legislative bills was reviewed.
- An update on Thrive Iowa was provided.
- Silver Lining Counseling services is taking clients, contact Erin Knauer 641-932-6567.
- Iowa Primary Care Association won the contract for the ASO for the 7 behavioral health districts.
- An overview of the changes to ECI was provided; the 34 ECI boards will be dissolved and 7 new district boards will be formed effective July 1, 2025. Adair County will be in District 4 and Dallas, Madison, and Warren will be in District 5. Deb has been put in district 5 with a new position created by HHS called community collaboration coordinator. The ECI funds will only be used for home visitation and the Governors new project, continuum of care for 4-year-olds.

Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:00. The next meeting will be April 8, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m. and will be in person.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Schrader, ECI Director