



Warren County Early Childhood Committee Minutes
Wednesday March 5, 2025 at 10:00
Zoom

Attendance

Barb Ranck, Kelly Phelps, Kelsey Marmon, Lauren Asman, Sarah Gibson, Dawn Holt, Amanda Scalise, Catherine Reaman-Gerdes, Carla Tripp, Jackie Giles, Kari Emerick, Rikki Hall, Megan Jensen, Cecil Smith, Allison Putney, Lora Patton, and Debra Schrader. Due to a blizzard, the meeting was held by Zoom.

Legislative Update

Deb provided an overview of bills in the 2025 legislative session.

Changes to ECI

There will be changes to the ECI structure starting in FY26. The current 34 ECI boards will be required to organize and align with the 7 behavioral health districts. The Governor will utilize ECI funding for a continuum of care for 4-year-old preschool aged children. The only other service type that will be funded is home visitation. In regards to the new region, it will consist of 14 counties and four new positions will be created to facilitate the needed work in the region. HHS has assigned the new positions to the current ECI directors in the region. The Governor's bill has been released and has passed committee and now can be debated in the House and Senate.

DCAT/CPPC

Sarah provided an update on DCAT/CPPC the steering committee will now be part of the Warren County agenda as a standing item. In regards to 2026, it is business as usual and contracts have been drafted for FY26. Contracts include, coordination, training, and family assistance.

Child Abuse Prevention Grant

HHS released the prevent child abuse prevention grant. There can only be one application per ECI area. DCCAC will be the legal applicant for Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County and will apply for home visitation and sexual abuse prevention. Grants are due March 11, 2025. DCCAC is looking for a Warren County representative for an executive committee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Next meeting is April 2, 2025 at 10:00 at the Norwalk Christian Church in Norwalk.