



**Warren County Early Childhood Committee Minutes  
Wednesday May 2, 2025 at 10:00  
710 N. Main Street, Norwalk Iowa**

**Attendance**

Jordyn Gorman, Jackie Giles, Sarah Gibson, Kelsey Marmon, Erin Paugh, Lauren Asman, Barb Ranck, Sarah Downard, Lace Andre and Debra Schrader.

**Announcements**

- Every Step will participate in Baby Bloom May 3, 2025 at the DMAC campus, other are welcome to attend.
- EFR is available to provide training on drug free workplace and Narcan trainings.
- <https://www.achieve.org/> is a new resource for career readiness.
- Internet Archive is a non-profit library of millions of free texts, movies, software, music, websites, and more. The Internet Archive is *an American non-profit organization* founded in 1996 by Brewster Kahle that runs a digital library website, archive.org.
- Child care provider appreciation day is May 9, 2025.
- IMPACT - LIHEAP ended April 30, 2025; there is no crisis funds available; they are wait on details for Senior Farmers Market checks; the RAYS program is available for families up to \$100 per child \$200 per household for extracurricular activities.

**Legislative Update**

Deb provided an overview of bills in the 2025 legislative session. The session was to end May 2, 2025 and legislators are in overtime.

**4 R Kids ECI**

Due to many unknowns and the pending legislation, the 4 R Kids Board was unable to have a competitive RFP for FY26. Current programs were requested to submit a budget that mirrors last years budget. The board will meet May 15, 2025 to take action on the budgets. Planning for district boards is on hold until after the legislative session ends.

**Continuum of Care**

HF623 and companion SF445 is the continuum of care for 4 years program. If passed it would allow private programs to apply for statewide voluntary preschool funding, provide for transportation to and from preschool and day care, extend the child care assistance program for child care programs, by defunding programs in ECI.

**Medicaid Changes**

April 1, 2025 changes to Medicaid criteria changed for pregnant women, they must be at 215% of federal poverty level or below; before April it was 375% or below of the federal poverty level.

**DCAT/CPPC**

Sarah provided an update on DCAT/CPPC. All DCAT contracts have been issued for FY26 and its business as usual. The CPPC plan is in works and will be submitted soon.

**Child Abuse Prevention Grant**

DCCAC is the legal applicant for the child abuse prevention grant and will receive \$90,000 each year for three years. Short Years Partnership will receive \$30,000 for home visitation. The council will be looking for executive members, one from Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:00.**

Next meeting is June 4, 2025 at 10:00 at the Norwalk Christian Church in Norwalk. A hybrid option will be available.