



**Warren County Partnership Meeting
Wednesday June 4, 2025 at 10:00
710 N. Main Street, Norwalk Iowa**

Attendance

In person: Jordyn Gorman, Jackie Giles, Sarah Gibson, Lauren Asman, Stephanie Cassiday, Rachel Barcelo, Kelly Phelps, Amanda Scalise, Ana Swain, and Debra Schrader.

Online: Barb Ranck, Val Cameron, Veronica McVay, Karen Goff, Allison Putney, Lacey Andre, and Ricki Schroder

Announcements

- Warren County Health Services with navigation services has assisted 176 new families during the fiscal year. Housing is the biggest need along with employment
- WIC has seen an increase in people served and are experiencing high caseloads.

Legislative Update

Deb provided an overview of bills in the 2025 legislative session. The session was to end May 2, 2025 but did not adjourn until May 16, 2025 at 6:30 A.M. A list of bills that passed the senate and house and signed by the Governor was reviewed.

4 R Kids ECI

The 4 R. The board met May 15, 2025 and acted on programs that will be funded in FY26. The board will fund a comprehensive child care project, a comprehensive preschool enrichment project, Health Families America home visitation and Parents as Teachers home visitation. There are many changes recommended by HHS in regards to service types and performance measures which has delayed getting contracts to agencies.

Continuum of Care Grant

HHS announced a continuum of care grant for 4-year-olds and would allow private programs to apply for statewide voluntary preschool funding and provide for transportation to and from preschool and day care. This was originally in the Governor bill and it did not pass in the legislative session.

State Literacy Grant

The Department of Education announced a literacy grant, the grant is to focus on 4-year-olds, 5th graders and/or 8th graders to increase efficiency in oral language skills.

Child Abuse Data

FY24 child abuse data was provided, HHS no longer provides the data in excel format, it is now provided in an interactive map on the HHS website.

DCAT/CPPC Update

Sarah provided an update on DCAT/CPPC. All DCAT contracts have been issued for FY26 and its business as usual. CPPC is looking for community event to support. Sarah requested input regarding trainings to be offered to the community in FY26.

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 in Warren County. The council has a 4-member executive committee, one member from each county, Adair, (Stephanie Claussen) Dallas (Bridget Scalla), Madison (to be determined), and Warren County. (Barb Ranck).

Meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Next meeting is August 6, 2025 at 10:00 at the Norwalk Christian Church in Norwalk. A hybrid option will be available.