

# Dallas County Coalition

## Minutes

Waukee Church of Hope

305 N.E. Dartmoor

Waukee, Iowa 50263

10:30am – 12 Noon

Wednesday June 25, 2025

### 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](http://www.4rkids-eci.org).

### Attendance and Introductions

Jenny Felt (DCAT), Michelle Greenough (CCRR), Val Cameron (ISU Extension), Kaylie Graham (CIAC), Khulud Abdulhamid (Short Years P), Natalie Peters (Dallas County Public Health), Megan Davidson (CCR&R), Amy Clausi (Every Step), Darci Alt (Heart of Iowa) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids).

### Presentation

Darci Alt, Heart of Iowa mental health region provided an update on the transition with the behavioral health regions and the disability access points. Heart of Iowa services will end June 30, 2025 and Iowa Primary Care will take over all 99 counties for behavioral health services.

### Agency and Other Information

- DCAT/CPPC will not have a meeting in July.
- ISU Extension reported child care providers are choosing not to renew their registrations due to the massive HHS requirements.

### Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The state ECI Board took action at the June 7, 2025 board meeting to move forward with merging 38 ECI areas into 4 regions that will follow the same boundaries as the behavioral health regions. HHS stated if the state ECI board did not take action to do it, HHS would do it to the local ECI boards anyway.
- HHS will not renew the Governors Thrive pilot project in Madison County and the pilot ends June 30, 2025. The Warren County pilot can continue to spend down their funds through September 30, 2025. It is unclear what HHS will do after that.
- Dallas County health rankings were shared.
- Iowa Kids Count data was shared, Iowa ranks number 9 out of all states.

### Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council Updates/Information

- DCCAC is wrapping up the FY25 contract year and will prepare a yearend report for the next meeting.
- All FY26 subcontracts have been issued for home visitation and sexual abuse prevention. Short Years Partnership, SWCC and CIAC are the contractors for the 4 county area.
- Val has put together an executive committee with a member from each county, Bridgette Skalla, Barb Ranck, Susan Crowdes and Stephanie Claussen. They plan to meet at a minimum quarterly.
- HHS will have a webinar July 8, 2025 to train the new way of doing business through Iowa Grants.
- Several attended the Prevent Child Abuse conference April 29-30, 2025.

The next in person meeting is August 27, 2025.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader