

# Dallas County Coalition

## Minutes

**Waukee Church of Hope**  
**305 N.E. Dartmoor**  
**Waukee, Iowa 50263**  
**10:30 am – 12 Noon**  
**Wednesday September 24, 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), Val Cameron (ISU Extension), Ricki Hall (Big Brothers Big Sisters), Kaylie Graham (CIAC), Deb Seaman (Short Years P), Natalie Peters (Dallas County Public Health, Dawn Holt (LSI), Chris Corigan (Zion), Lisa Carstens (Zion), Carol Bayer (New Opps), Megan Davidson (CCR&R), Abby Hall (New Opps Head Start), Lainey Christiansen (The Family Place), Reshana VanDeuren (American Lung), Jordan Gorman (Every step), (and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids).

### Agency and Other Information

- DCAT/CPPC will sponsor a Lemonade for Life training November 3rd and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Cruise into Bouton will be September 27, 2025 from 11:00-4:00, everyone is welcome to attend.

### Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4 R ECI board has two new board members, Ricki Hall and Jovanka Westbrook.
- HHS has provided \$90,773 to the 4 R Kids board to continue with Thrive Iowa in Warren County but only through December 2025.
- The family support map was reviewed and changes made where necessary.
- The early childhood services map was reviewed and changes made where necessary.
- Medicaid birth data was reviewed: Dallas County had a 17.2% Medicaid rate.
- The HHS District 5 opioid brief data was shared. There is a brief for all 7 districts
- Dental Quest will be a new dental provider for Medicaid recipients starting July 1, 2026.

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

- An update on FY26 programming was provided; 1 presentation with 15 people were served in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.
- Information was provided regarding the technical assistance call on 9/22/25. There will be a contract amendment due to HHS not clarifying the due date of quarterly reports in the contracts.
- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report is due October 15<sup>th</sup> or the 30<sup>th</sup>.
- August 2025 expenditures have been submitted via Iowa Grants; \$3,246.04 for home visitation and \$2,6923.55 for sexual abuse prevention.
- The Council has a new treasurer Heidi Chapman effective today 9/24/25.
- The executive committee will have quarterly meetings. Executive committee members are Susan Crowdes, Heidi Chapman, Barb Ranck and Stephane Claussen.
- Connections Matter facilitator training will be September 29-30, 2025.
- Val Cameron continues to facilitate aspects of the grant.

The next in person meeting is October 22, 2025.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader