

# Dallas County Coalition

## Minutes

Waukee Church of Hope  
305 N.E. Dartmoor  
Waukee, Iowa 50263  
10:30 am – 12 Noon  
Wednesday October 22, 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), (CIAC), Deb Seaman (Short Years P), Amanda Wahlert (Zion), Kristina Cimaglia (Every Step), Natalie Peters (Dallas County Public Health, Dawn Holt (LSI), Lisa Carstens (Zion), Abby Hall (Head Start New Opps), Carol Bayer (New Opps), Lainey Christiansen (The Family Place), Reshana VanDeuren (American Lung), Kacey Barrow-Miner (CIAC), Ana Jimenez (CIAC) and (and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids).

### Presentation

Kacey Barrow-Miner from Crisis Intervention and Advocacy provided a presentation on the new federal funding to assist ages 17-24 with housing needs.

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Lisa Carstens from Zion Behavioral Health Services provided a presentation about the behavioral health system.

### Agency and Other Information

None

### Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4 R ECI board will meet November 20, 2025.
- The state ECI board meet in a working session to discuss ECI moving into 7 regions. No decisions were made and at this time it is voluntary to merge into regions. Some areas are submitting a letter of intent to build regions.
- The current Thrive pilot in Warren County will end December 31, 2025 and new service called Restore Hope will be funded with a contract with HHS. An RFP is out from HHS for Restore Hope.
- A document with PCA navigation and DAP navigation was provided to the group.

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

- The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report was provided; sexual abuse prevention – 1 session with 14 adults served, SWCC home visitation 3 families served; Short Years Partnership 11 families served. A total of \$19,459.14 was expended in the first quarter.
- The August and September claims have been submitted.
- Treasurers report – there is 2,766.99 in the bank account.
- An executive committee member is needed to represent Madison County.
- Val Cameron continues to facilitate aspects of the grant.

The next in person meeting is February 25, 2026

Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader