

# Dallas County Coalition

## Minutes

**Waukee Church of Hope  
305 N.E. Dartmoor  
Waukee, Iowa 50263  
10:30 am – 12 Noon  
Wednesday February 25, 2026**

### 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

Val Cameron (ISU Extension), (CIAC), Danielle Kenworthy (Short Years P), Kristina Cimaglia (Every Step), Lisa Carstens (Zion), Carol Bayer (New Opps), Lainey Christiansen (The Family Place), Reshana VanDeuren (American Lung), Kacey Barrow-Miner (CIAC), Shelley Flanery (Ivory Plains), Megan Davidson (CCR&R), Jackie Giles (ISU Extension), Heidi Chapman (New Opps), Jami Johnston (New Opps), Nicole Flynn (New Opps) Rachel Manna (Zion), Taylor Cass (Zion) Misty DeReus (Every Step) and (and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids).

### Agency and Other Information

- Dallas County Extension I offering gardening classes, powerful tools for caregivers, and strengthening families.

### Early Childhood Updates/Information

- The 4 R ECI board has a Dallas County position open on the board.
- FY2025 ECI state annual report highlights were shared.
- A plethora of legislative bills were reviewed. HF2712 is to eliminate ECI, DCAT, CPPC and Prevent Child Abuse.
- FY26 preschool experience rate was reviewed, Dallas County had the lowest rate at 74.8% compared to the average of Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County at 78.4%
- HHS is having a community convenings across Iowa, Des Moines event is May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 -2:45. The agenda is cryptic and its unclear what the meeting is about.
- Judge Monty Franklin memorial foundation information was shared.
- Ride United is a new transportation initiative through United Way for Dallas, Polk and Warren County using Lyft services.
- Shadow Creek Pediatric Dentistry in Waukee is accepting new patients and is taking Medicaid and hawk-I.

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

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report was provided; sexual abuse prevention – 2 sessions with 28 adults served, SWCC home visitation 3 families served; Short Years Partnership 17 families served. A total of \$35,798.39 was expended for FY26.
- Treasurers report – there is 2,767 in the bank account.
- Child abuse prevention month is April – it was consensus of the group to have someone from the Waukee police department present for the April meeting. Questions will be drafted in advance. Wear blue day is April 10 and other awareness activities will be conducted.
- CIAC is in need of conducting more sexual abuse prevention sessions. They are working with 4 Oaks to provide presentations.
- April 20-21 is the drug endangered conference at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny.
- April 30<sup>th</sup> will be the annual child abuse prevention conference and will be virtual only.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Positive Childhood experience training.
- Val Cameron continues to facilitate aspects of the grant.

The next in person meeting is March 25, 2026. Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader