



**Warren County Partnership Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 10:00am
710 N. Main Street, Norwalk Iowa**

Attendance

Debra Schrader, Sarah Gibson, Sarah Downard, Josie Redman, Sandy Kilgore, Melissa Gradischnig, Barb Ranck, Stephanie Cassidy, Amanda Scalise, Kristin Tague, Kim Kirkpatrick, Julie Gibbons, Jessica Lewis and Jacki Giles.

Announcements

- Every Step will be having a Baby7 Bloom event March 28, 2026.

4 R Kids ECI

- SF462 and HF2712 was reviewed. The bill aims to eliminate ECI and DCAT and redirect their funds as well as child abuse prevention funding into a newly formed Early Childhood and Family Services. HHS amended the bill, but with the same result, elimination of prevention services and to have HHS administer them at the state level which will grow state government. A plethora of other bills were reviewed.
- Information was shared about an HHS meeting open to the public May 7, 2026 from 9:00-2:45 at River Place in Des Moines. It is unclear from the agenda what the meeting is about.
- A Thrive Community Gathering will be sponsored by HHS to unveil the Thrive Iowa initiative May 5, 2026 at 2:00 at the EOC training room in Indianola.
- Ride United is a new transportation service sponsored by United Way that uses Lyft ride share.
- Judge Monty Franklin memorial foundation has funds to assist those in JCO district 5b.
- The HHS Warren County snapshot was reviewed; it was noted that no part of Warren County has a shortage of primary care physicians and dental care providers. Part of Warren County has a shortage of mental health providers.
- The FY27 meeting calendar was reviewed, it was consensus to continue with the same location, meeting day and time.

DCAT/CPPC Update

- Sarah provided an update on DCAT/CPPC. There is concern of a transition plan for DCAT/CPPC if the bill passes.

Child Abuse Prevention Grant

- January claims have been submitted \$5,641.84.
- The next executive committee meeting is March 20th.
- April 30-May 1, 2026 is the child abuse prevention conference and will be virtual.
- Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,767.00.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43am.

Next meeting is April 1, 2026 at 10:00 at the Norwalk Christian Church in Norwalk. A hybrid option will be available.