



**Warren County Partnership Meeting
Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 10:00am
710 N. Main Street, Norwalk Iowa**

Attendance

Debra Schrader, Sarah Gibson, Sarah Downard, Kim Kirkpatrick, Kristin Tague, Angie Croll, Jackie Giles, Sandy Kilgore, Allison Putney Barb Ranck, Brett Beirman, Dana White, Carrie Emerick, Ricki Hall, Val Cameron, Sue Wilson, and Stephanie Cassidy.

ECI Updates

- **Legislative Update** – Information was shared regarding several legislative bills. Of special interest is SF462 and HF2712, a bill to move ECI home visitation contracts to HHS, eliminate and DCAT, CPPC and child abuse prevention funding and to create a new Early Childhood and Family Services in HHS.
- **Election** – A list of candidates for the upcoming election were reviewed.
- **Poverty Guidelines** – The 2026 federal poverty guidelines were reviewed.
- **Kindergarten Literacy** – Data was shared regarding kindergarten literacy from the Iowa Department of Education.
- **Community Meeting** – HHS will have a community convening meeting May 7, 2026 at River Place in Des Moines, it's unclear of the purpose of the meeting.
- **Thrive Iowa** – Sarah Doward provided an overview of the new Thrive Iowa project that serves Warren, Madison and Clarke County. Individuals that meet the TANF guidelines are allowed to be served through the project.

DCAT/CPPC Updates

- Sarah provided an update on DCAT/CPPC, the project will end June 30, 2026.
- Preschool utilizing Als Pals curriculum will be notified of the changes.

Child Abuse Prevention Grant

- HHS plans to renew the DCCAC contract for \$90,000 of which supports is home visitation and sexual abuse prevention.
- April is child abuse prevention month. Wear blue day is April 8th
- April 30-May 1, 2026 is the child abuse prevention conference and will be virtual.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Next meeting is May 6, 2026 at 10:00 at the Norwalk Christian Church in Norwalk. A hybrid option will be available.