

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes

Waukee Church of Hope

305 N.E. Dartmoor

Waukee, Iowa 50263

10:30 am – 12 Noon

Wednesday May 27, 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.

Attendance and Introductions

Rachel Bardwell (Short Years P), Taylor Castanda (CIAC), Rachel Manna (Zion), Caroll Bayer (New Opps), Jenny Felt (DCAT), Kylee Henderson (Faiths Flocks), Beth Morman (New Opps), Abigail Coder (Dallas County Public Health), Amanda Wahlert (Zion), Lindsey Donahue (CCR), Megan Davidson (CCR), Reshana VanDeuren (American Lung Assoc.), Lisa Carstens (Zion), Julie Gibbons (DAP) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids).

Updates and Information

- Deb provided an overview of bills active and dead in the legislative session. The session ended May 3, 2026 after a 34-hour marathon. SF2488 has yet to be signed by the Governor. A new bill HF2490 pertaining to public meetings was signed by the Governor.
- DCAT and CPPC will end/be eliminated June 30, 2026.
- The 4 R Kids board has made FY27 funding decisions and services mirror FY26.
- Deb Schrader announced she will retire as the ECI director at the end of the calendar year.
- 26 different indicator data from I2D2 was shared and reviewed, comparing the 4 R Kids area to other ECI areas.
- 2025 child abuse data was shared, there were 88 confirmed and/or abused children, down from 96 in 2024; 41.3% are under the age of 5.
- Dallas County Public Health in cooperation with Ageing Resources has one time funding for those that are 60 and older at \$185 FPL to assist with food.
- HHS plans to release RFP's every 6 months for Thrive Iowa navigation projects that will cover 99 counties in Iowa.
- Dallas County Children's Advocacy Council is in need of an executive committee member from Adair County, contact Val Cameron if interested. DCCAC has been provided with a contract renewal from HHS for \$90,000 that will support sexual abuse prevention and home visitation in Adair, Dallas, Madison and Warren County.

The next in person meeting is June 24, 2026. Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader