

Dallas County Coalition

Minutes

Waukee Church of Hope
305 N.E. Dartmoor
Waukee, Iowa 50263
10:30 am – 12 Noon
Wednesday August 26, 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 Manna (Zion), Beth Roghair (CIAC), Kacey Barrow-Miner (CIAC), Jackie Giles (Extension), Abby Hall (Head Start), Danielle Kenworthy (Short Years), Audry Kendrick (Zion), Natilie Peters (Dallas County Public Health) Julie Gibbons (DAP), Cody Evison (DAP), Ricki Hall (ISU Extension), Reshana Rozenboom (American Lung), Meghan Smith (CASA), Lisa Carstens (Zion) and Debra Schrader (4 R Kids).

Presentation

Kacey Barrow Miner from Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center provided an overview of several bills that passed the Iowa legislature this year.

Updates and Information

- The 4 R Kids ECI Board is seeking Dallas County Board member.
- The FY26 4 R Kids Executive Summary was reviewed
- A free dental clinic will be November 13-14th in Des Moines.
- CCR&R data was reviewed; Dallas County has 1 out of 40 or 2% registered providers with an IQ4K rating and 8 of 22 or 36% licensed child care centers.
- 2025 Medicaid birth data was reviewed; 1,495 births and 265 were paid with Medicaid or 17.7%.
- Sunny Day Fund a new program that employers can provide to their employees for those making 300% or less of federal poverty level.
- There will be new requirements for those utilizing Medicaid starting December 1, 2026. Members may need to work at least 80 hours a month, enroll in job training, attend college or volunteer, some exclusions apply.
- The Medicaid and Hawk-I income guidelines changed April 1, 2026 and were reviewed by the group.
- Information was shared about where Iowa ranks in regards to middle class, Iowa ranks 34th out of 50th states.
- Head Start has openings for 4-year-olds and New Opps has received funding for a 3-year-old classroom.

Child Abuse Prevention Updates

- Dallas County Children's Advocacy FY26 Executive Summary was reviewed; sexual abuse prevention education served 217 adults and 7 sessions; home visitation served 15 families and 7 group sessions. The project serves Adair, Dallas, Madison and Warren County.
- Polk County DAP provided an update on the FY27 contract for home visitation, sexual abuse prevention and community capacity building.

The next in person meeting is September 23, 2026. Respectfully submitted by Deb Schrader