



**Warren County Partnership Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 10:00am
710 N. Main Street, Norwalk Iowa**

Attendance

Debra Schrader, Channon Timm, Jackie Giles, Barb Ranck, Stephanie Cassidy, Val Cameron, Kellyn Phelps, Brett Biermann, Penny Seidenkranz, Sarah Downard, Veronica McVaey, Dana White, Rachel Bardwell, Kim Kirkpatrick, Adam Andre, Amanda Scalise, Stacy Powell, Kristin Tague, and Shannon Johnston.

Presentation

Channon Timm with Drake University Head Start provided an overview of Head Start Services.

Agency Updates

- 4 R Kids Board Update, a committee of the board has extended an offer for the position as the ECI director as Deb is retiring. The Board will take action on September 10, 2026.
- The 2025 Medicaid birth rate data was shared with the group; Warren County had 607 babies born of which 119 were paid by Medicaid or 19.6%.
- The Department of Education released guidance on the new physical fitness requirements for schools in Iowa.
- New work, job training, education, or community service requirements to access Medicaid will start December 1, 2026.
- There is a new HHS Sunny Day Fund that low-income workers at 300% of FPL can take advantage of if an employer chose to participate.
- The 2025 Opioid report was reviewed, \$200,180 was expended on warm handoffs/community health worker project, training/naloxone, and implementation of mobile unit about the dangers of opioids.
- The Governor announced efforts to combat Kratom.
- HHS has released an RFP for lead agencies that would administer core programs in 7 districts.
- Polk County supplemental foods serve Warren County and free delivery for those with transportation or medical needs.
- Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center will start serving Warren County for domestic violence services.

Child Abuse Prevention Grant

- Val Cameron provided an overview of the FY27 contract that consists of home visitation and sexual abuse prevention education.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Next meeting is October 7, 2026 at 10:00 at the Norwalk Christian Church in Norwalk. A hybrid option will be available.