

Early Childhood Task Force Meeting  
Wednesday, October 23, 2019 9:30 am  
The Palm's Restaurant in Ft Madison, IA

Meeting Minutes

Approve today's agenda- approved

Approve meeting minutes from 9-25-19- approved as written

Oral Health:

- Rachael provided updated on the Silver Diamine Fluoride Study in Iowa, discussing Iowa has withdrawn from study due to not enough participants eligible for study. Rachael discussed LCHD I-SMILE will be looking into offering this service potentially at WIC clinics, working on getting several needed items in place hopefully by new year, stay tuned. Service would need to be provided by a hygienist with a parent/guardian present. Updated that the preschool/daycare programs are going well, CHC-SEI West Burlington dental clinic now has 3 dentist and implemented priority levels for appointments, but hasn't seem to impact appointment times.

Mental Health:

- Jamie provided update on Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Collaborative meeting in Ottumwa for November and that a zoom meeting option will be sent out for interest. Shared press release from Senator Grassley on Seeding Rural Resilience Act that may provide funding for education, outreach, awareness and suicide prevention programs for responding to farm and ranch mental health stress.

Family Support:

- Melissa reported that they had 74 NEST people attend their Harvestville family event and provided the families with gas cards to attend. They also had 34 attend their Smoke House for Fire Prevention month event. Missy shared that they are looking in to having Griffin Motors provide some type of simple care maintenance/winter awareness event for their Family Connections groups. Reported that the Lee County swim day groups were not well attended this year. Cheryl discussed that their PAT has in the past done events at Shug's Playtown in Burlington that was well received by families.

Child Care/Preschool:

- Next 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays Provider Forum in Donnellson is scheduled for December and Chad Reckling is currently scheduled to present. No one is currently scheduled for center DHS licensing consultant rep for the forum. LCHD has hired a new CCNC, Amy, who has experience in OB and Pediatrics. Cyndi encouraged connection between Jody CCR&R and Amy to assist her with

linking with the master provider list of child care/preschool providers and getting on the master list email. Colleen Calbert has opened child care by Montrose and Susie Rettig has able to obtain registration, delay was due to state issues with the fingerprinting paperwork changes.

- Jody with CCR&R discussed there will be a Nutrition and Physical Activity session in Donnellson in November 9<sup>th</sup>. Also, there will be a Safe Sleep Training being provided by Emily from CCR&R next week at Raisin Em Up in Donnellson. Updated that new CCR&R consultants are on board now and Jody's county coverage will be decreasing down. Note that CCR&R can take a referral from a child care provider in need of crib/safe sleep items and provide these resources to them, DHS consultant can make referral to CCR&R for these items.

Other programs/business:

- Group noted that there is a gap in transportation for kids who are in half day preschool getting to childcare for parents and is a barrier for children attending preschool. Discussion occurred regarding using Oxyvir TB disinfectant on food tables and needing to be rinsed off prior to children eating off of table; recommendation was to use Purell Food Service Unscented cleaner for this cleaning need as a different option for Keokuk Christian Academy.
- Cheryl shared that new forms have come out for fingerprinting and would be moving to digital at cost of \$25 for centers. Homes will remain free for this requirement. Cheryl also shared outreach pitcher mug with information/education and contacts for Child Care Assistance Program nonregistered home providers who are eligible for the Food Assistance Program. 136 nonregistered providers were mailed/contacted with their local CCA providers contact information included. The upcoming Provider Conference is November 2, 2019 and will be at BHS Auditorium, with training provided by Applebaum. Currently have 90 providers registered.
- Missy updated that Lee County HOPES/PAT this year has the messaging on their pack n plays stating 'back to sleep' education, and is provided with halo sleep sacks and education with every interaction. Missy also discussed they have seen increase in torticollis/helmet use, and have additionally started education on back to sleep, tummy time when awake.
- Jody updated that CCR&R DHS provider certification lasts for 5 years, to renew/check certification of training email Lori at: [Lomueller@caeiowa.org](mailto:Lomueller@caeiowa.org)
- Next ECTF meeting is November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:30am at Dr. Getwell's in Keokuk.

Any input for the board's November retreat?

None at current time

Attendance: Jamie Beskow, Jodi Norton, Melissa Daugherty, Cheryl Flatten, Rachael Patterson-Rahn, Carolyn Baker, Missy Park, Cyndi Mason

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