

Vision: "Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful"

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL Minutes

Date: November 15, 2011 Time: 1:00 P.M. Location: ISU Extension
SIGN-IN AND INTRODUCTIONS: Annette Koster, BVCS ECI; Mark Segebart, Crawford Co Supervisor; Mike Pardun, Denison CSD; Laura Beeck, CCHHH&PH; Jolene McDonald, WCCA Head Start; Alayna Clancy, Decat/CPPC; Retta Mitchell, Mid-Sioux/CCR&R

AGENDA REVIEW: approved by consensus

APPROVAL of PREVIOUS MINUTES: correct spelling of John, approved by consensus

EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA: Annette Koster presented that a newsletter will be published monthly through BVCS ECI. She shared the idea presented at the Buena Vista County meeting to have a theme of the month, with agencies submitting articles to get different points of views on topics. Possible topics: January budgeting, February Routines, March Nutrition, April Sleep, May Mental Health, June Sun Safety, July Literacy in the Home, August PBIS – Behavior, September?, October Fire Safety, November Selecting Toys, December Winter Safety. She also shared quarterly reports sent in by funded programs.

A Survey Monkey was sent to collect financial information. Please take the time to complete.

AGENCY/COMMUNITY SHARING:

WCCA Head Start, Jolene McDonald, location has been secured at Job Corp for additional Head Start classrooms. Will be able to serve 30 to 40 children in the next couple days. The Early Head Start classroom is open. It is located behind Wireless World. The classroom serves children from 16 weeks to age 3.

Crawford County Home Health, Hospice & Public Health, Laura Beeck shared Dr AlTo has started planning for Kids Fest to be held April 21st. John Paul Engle's presentation that was held at the Middle and High School. Every student received the book *Project Be The Change*.

Research is being done on a potential Community Health Center.

Michelle Devlin and Mark Grey will be presenting on 2/6/12 at the Crawford County Hospital on the Sudanese population and what to expect.

Denison applied for the Blue Zone initiative through Wellmark.

Lutheran Services of Iowa, Crystal Price, shared she is starting a Freshman Relationship Group to start on 2/1/12. She is currently working with Storm Lake, Odebolt, Manilla, East Sac County Middle Schools.

BVCS ECI, Annette Koster shared information about the Playground Safety Training offered to preschools and the grant to assist programs to make improvements at their sites.

WRAP-UP & ADJOURN

Next scheduled meeting for BVCS Crawford Advisory Council: February 21, 2012

Next scheduled meeting for BVCS 3-County Board meeting "Big Board": 1/25/12 Trinity Lutheran Church 10:00 am.

Mission: To improve the quality of life for children and families by strongly supporting safe environments, lifelong learning and facilitating a coordinated system for community services.