

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
PROCEEDED OVER BY: BVCS EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA

Date: February 15, 2011

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Location: ISU Extension

- I. SIGN-IN AND INTRODUCTIONS: Annette Koster, BVCS ECI; Alayna Clancy, Decat; Retta Mitchell, Mid-Sioux; Jolene McDonald, Program Operations WCCA Head Start; Crystal Price, CCASH LSI; Laura Beeck, CCHHH&PH; John Sondag, WICMHC;
- II. AGENDA REVIEW: Approved by Consensus
- III. APPROVAL of PREVIOUS MINUTES: Approved by Consensus

IV. COMMUNITY NEEDS:

BVCS ECI: Jolene M asked Annette K how preschool scholarships are currently done in the area. Annette K explained the process, parent complete an application from BVC ECI the applications are approved based on 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Payment is made to the preschool on the parents' behalf. Payment is based on what the preschool charges the parent not to exceed 125.00 a month per child. Discussion was held in regard to current Legislation regarding preschool.

Family STEPS is scheduled for a mock review on March 17th for the Family Support Credential. Following the mock review the program will either be recommended for review or given guidance for changes needed before a review.

Call US Representative about HR 1 which would have cuts effecting Head Start, child care subsidies, WIC, Title I for schools, special education, Pell Grants. A handout was provided from NAEYC Action Alert, Feb 14, 2011.

Current Community Needs: Not sure how to reach certain providers. Crawford # 1 with the highest Hispanic population US Census 24%, up about 150. Proves what was already known based on school enrollment. Rumors in community have people concerned (plant closing, raid on illegals). Head Start concern/challenge hiring qualified bi-lingual people to fill positions. Currently working on disaster preparedness including immigration raid, bomb threat, tornado, chemical spills, connecting with school, Public Health and Red Cross. Discussion was held about the stress deporting has on the Foster Care system. Other suggestions for developing disaster preparedness, contact Lori Hoch, Child Care Nurse Consultant, Public Health had a booklet that mainly addressed homes but may be useful.

V. AGENCY/COMMUNITY SHARING:

Crystal P - ITEDS state imposed new ruling if schools don't have scores in the 40th percentile as a whole for reading, math, and science student would not be able to take dual credit classes.

Starting program application for next year FY 12, partnering with UNI for surveys for pre/posttest education for sexual prevention. The middle school curriculum focuses on making right choices/decisions, survey asked questions that are not part of the curriculum. The group discussed schools dropping out of program if the survey stays the way it is presented.

Retta M- Day on the Hill speaker addressed stress and addictive behaviors proven fact it can cause triggers for abuse, teen pregnancy, smoking etc.

Better Kid Care class will be held Tuesday, February 22 at ISU Extension *Who Leads, Who Follows*. On May 7th the BVCS Seminar will be held in Wall Lake speakers Lori Hoch Child Care Nurse Consultant, Quality Rating Scale Heather Hinds, two speakers from Waterloo room arrangement and stress. The seminar is free.

Jolene M – Head Start currently has 118 enrolled with 40 on the waitlist. Early Head Start classroom will be located at 1500 5th Ave South, plans for 2 classrooms (16) and several offices. Currently still providing Early Head Start home based visitation for 25. Parents prefer classroom setting, allows for ability to look for work. Suzette (Early Head Start) working to set up meeting to work together with Family STEPS/Early Head Start and Baby Boutique.

Laura B – Baby Boutique currently has 27 enrolled serving prenatal to one year of age. Family STEPS has a total of 50 participating, discharged 22 this year due to completing goals, moved or referrals to other programs.

CHNA HIP two UNI professors presented information to the community. Showed have two areas older age group and Hispanic. The plan is due in February and may focus on three areas: access to health care (financial and transportation), Alcohol/Drug (started last time), Obesity and Nutrition lack of physical activity/nutrition according to feasibility study.

The group discussed mental health in the Tax Payers First Bill and how that might affect the loss of local control.

VI. WRAP-UP & ADJOURN

Next scheduled meeting for Crawford Advisory Council:

March 15, 2011

Next scheduled meeting for BVCS 3-County Board meeting “Big Board”:

February 23, 2011 Odebolt Community School