

## BVCS Early Childhood Iowa CRAWFORD COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Date: April 22<sup>nd</sup> Time: 1:00 pm Location: ISU Extension & Outreach, Denison

**SIGN-IN AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Jolene McDonald, Program Operation Mgr. WCCA Head Start; Kelsey Hipnar, Program Coordinator ISU; Randall Kuhlmann, Crawford County Supervisor; Annette Koster, BVCS ECI Program Director; Mollie Scott, Decat/CPPC.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** No objection from attendees, approved as read.

Annette K invited all to attend the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa’s Community Partners Levels of Excellence meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 11:00. The reviewers will be Deb Scrowther with the Department of Management (ECI) and Diane Moore with the Department of Education. The Community Partner meeting is a time for community partners to share their role and understanding of the operations on the local Early Childhood Iowa area. The Director (Annette Koster and Board members will not be in attendance during this meeting.

**AGENCY - COMMUNITY SHARING/NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN COMMUNITY:**

Annette K shared Request for Proposals were sent out for FY 15 programing request.

Jolene M shared Head Start held a soccer clinic/Head Start registration event in Denison. Community partners assisting with the event included: I-Smile, Lions Club, student at Job Corp offered screenings. The Hy-Vee dietician was available for education. Recruitment for fall is underway at Head Start, encourage families to contact Head Start. One classroom closed at Job Corp the end of March do to sequestration.

Kelsey H shared the Literacy Coalition in conjunction with Norelius Library (Pat the Children’s Director) are planning a literacy walk at Yellow Smoke. This will combine reading and activities. Make reading fun and provide alternative screen time.

May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will have six candidate’s trained I n Junto’s . Following the training working with the mentoring program to expand and continue involvement. Will have a booth at Cinco-de-mayo.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 to 4:00 pm the Norelius Community Library will be hosting a story time with Dan Wardell from IPTV’s Kid’s Clubhouse and Martha, the dog from *Martha Speaks*.

Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Cinco de Mayo parade starting at 1:00 pm. Event will be uptown this year outreach and food vendors during the day and an evening dance. The Southwest Latino group and the CDC arrange the event.

Sanjita Pradhan from the office of Iowa Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs spoke at the Rotary club April 3<sup>rd</sup> hosted by the Cultural Diversity group. She spoke on the Karen/Kayin

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population, refugees, and characteristics. The group is working to bring her back to Denison to provide information on what community members can do to serve and understand this culture’s needs.

1<sup>st</sup> Five Coordinator will be Lori Hoch from Crawford County Home Health, Hospice and Public Health. Part of 1<sup>st</sup> Five is to contact physicians/providers to screen children. Lori will also serve as the Coordinated Intake person for the Maternal Child Health area. Coordinated Intake will provide referrals to family support programs such as Family STEPS, FaDDS, Early Head Start and other programs the family may need. Invite Lori to come talk to the group.

Laura Beeck provided an update about the Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC), Oral Health, Family STEPS, and Baby Boutique. Annette K read the report she provided. Discussion was held how the CCNC position is important and helpful to early care and education programs. Please speak up in support of the CCNC position being a statewide resource.

The group discussed how library is underutilized.

There is a Community Wellness Event on Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Boulder’s Conference Center you may still be able to have a booth, call Don Lundsman at Crawford County Memorial Hospital 712-265-2500.

### WRAP-UP & ADJOURN

The next Crawford Advisory Meeting will be June 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Ask Lori Hoch to speak about 1<sup>st</sup> Five.

Next scheduled meeting for BVCS 3-County Board meeting “Big Board”:  
Wednesday April 30, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. - Trinity Lutheran Church 612 S Dewey Street, Odebolt  
Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

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