

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: September 21, 2010

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: ISU Extension in Denison

Chairperson: Annette Koster

I. SIGN-IN AND INTRODUCTIONS: Annette Koster, BVCS ECI; Retta Mitchell, Mid-Sioux; John Sondag, WICMHC; Amy Halder, LSI

II. Topic/Speaker: Amy Halder from LSI, Program Supervisor: The main office is located in Denison, Amy works out of the Storm Lake office. LSI is the largest social service agency in Iowa. Amy presented information about the Remedial Services, waiver. It is a skill building service that focuses on the child's needs. This is a voluntary service where the family has a choice in services. Referrals are accepted for children ages 3 – 21. Skill areas the caseworker builds on include: anger management, coping, making good decisions, communicating, problem solving, conflict resolution and relationships. Each caseworker has a four year degree in Social Services. They provide referral to therapist for therapy if needed. Remedial Services can only serve children who have Title 19, looking for another funding source to be able to expand services. Amy is the contact person for referrals. Amy shared a brochure; you can make copies for the people in which you provide a service. LSI is looking to hire someone in the Carroll/Sac area. Four year degree required prefers BSW.

III. AGENDA REVIEW: approved by consensus

IV. APPROVAL of PREVIOUS MINUTES: approved by consensus

V. COMMUNITY NEEDS:

Retta Mitchell with Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) -shared the need for parent education so parents understand the difference of a Registered Child Development Home versus a non-registered child care home. Understanding the law and number of children each home can care for, legally non-registered can only care for five children. How do we encourage this for homes and parents? Currently non-registered child care can receive State Subsidy payments. Legally cannot deny them because it is legal in Iowa to be non-registered. Retta M with CCR&R – Looking to expand on the totes currently offered to have individual items for child care environments to check out.

VI. AGENCY/COMMUNITY SHARING: Jolene McDonald sent this update: Early Head Start update – sixteen 0 to age 3 children will start to receive services this week through Home Base Early Head Start. We have approximately 40 additional applications on file. We were funded for 16 slots in Crawford County.

John S shared that WICMHC was approved from the School Based Sate Block grant for electronic medical records.

Retta M shared about the DHs Centralized training registry for providers. Child care providers will enter data starting now, with the option to put in last year's information. Annette K shared a handout received from Nim Knobbe about Decat funds.

WRAP-UP & ADJOURN

Next scheduled meeting for Crawford Community Advisory Council:
October 19, 2010

Next scheduled meeting for BVCS 3-County Board meeting "Big Board":
October 27, 2010 Odebolt Community School