

Notes Buena Vista County 12/11/2014 Meeting

Annette Koster, BVCS Early Childhood Iowa: Presented data from the BVCS Early Childhood Iowa Community Plan she recently updated. The online version of Kids Count was easy to access data by county. Discussion was held on Census date and how it may be less accurate in Buena Vista County. Pam Bogue commented on the immunization data with people coming and going they are still counted in the county. Percentage will always look low being the people are still counted in the data. IRIS is only in Iowa. Gale Randall commented that kids in education may take a year to track immunization records to get an IEP plan. Other school districts contact Strom Lake to for information to deal with minorities.

Annette K commented that the data presented with Dental Screenings has changed in collection. Grouped together screening centers with dental and physicians are by themselves. Tamara Thompson shared there is a Legislative Bill that could possibly affect i-smile technical working in law interpretation between the Dental Board and the Dental Association, assistants limiting job duties related to prisons. Technical wording could take hygienist out of public places, possibly affecting WIC Clinics.

Monday December 15th the Childcare Committee will have a public meeting. Emily Bodholdt and Katie Meyers. Has been advertised in newspapers and on the radio.

March 5th is the Early Childhood Stakeholders – Day on the Hill – emphasis on brain development. Allow programs in the early childhood field tell their stories to the Legislature.

Pam Bogue, Buena Vista Public Health & Home Care (BVPH&HC): Find out today is awarded grant to promote circuit exercise equipment for the Frank Star Park. This was based off the BVPH&H Community Needs Assessment.

Janet Gritten, BVPH&HC, Family STEPS Program: Presented the Minimum Facts Interviewing Training in Independence Iowa.

December 18th Family STEPS Christmas for families in the program.

The program is serving more single fathers.

Tamara Thompson, MATURA, I-Smile: Finished the fall oral health screenings/education to preschools in Buena Vista County. She will follow up with the care coordination.

MAUTRA working on the Child Care Nurse Consultant program with the Early Childhood Iowa areas in the Northern Counties.

Stephanie King, Head Start/Early Head Start: Changes to the roles at Head Start/Early Head Start;

- Patty Wolf, Coordinator (overall)
- Linda Derkling, Education Coach – rules regulations, standards, helps classrooms
- Stacy Blee, Coordinator for Home Visitors.
- Stephanie, Health Advisory for Head Start area, Head Start/Early Head Start follow up with treatment.
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Next meeting: February 12, 2015

Respectfully submitted: Annette Koster