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Buena Vista County Coalition April 19, 2019 |10:00 am |

# Attendees: Dawn Sickelka -Decat/CPPC); Pam Bogue (Buena Vista Public Health & Home Care); Bailey Hill Child Care Resource & Referral); Meredith Mickelson (1st Five, Webster County Health Department); Cindy Partlow (-smile – Webster County Health Department); Juanita Mandragon, & Lora (Lutheran Services in Iowa); Erika Banse (Parent Partner); Shelly Roell, Executive Director, & Kelsey Baker, Intern (The Bridge of Storm Lake); Trevina Jefferson (Trepson Preschool/Child Care), Prevent Child Abuse Iowa (by phone).

# Follow-Up/Review Previous meeting minutes

Minutes were sent out to the Coalition members prior to the meeting. Pam B moved to approve the minutes and agenda that was seconded by Meredith

# BV County PCA Council

# Early Childhood Iowa Updates – Annette Koster

No update provided.

# CPPC/DCAT Updates – Dawn Sickelka

Upcoming events

# Tobacco Updates – Merle Hinton

No Update Provided

# Pregnancy Prevention Update –

During the Buena Vista coalition meeting the CAPP Educator stated that they recently got trained in a new curriculum called “Love Notes.” The CAPP educator also stated that she is still waiting to hear if LSI has been awarded the new contract, but should find out within the next month. The CAPP educator also stated that with the new grant we can expand into different areas outside of the school district such as working with youth in Foster Care, as well as, working with Audra O’Neil (JCO) to target at risk youth who are currently on probation.

# Community Sharing: Coalition Attendee Updates

Pam Bogue, Buena Vista Public Health & Home Care: I reported on the measles case in Iowa (now 2 cases).  I was asked for a brochure that might be shared with our group.  Been researching that this am and found the CDC website has the best (and most colorful) information about measles.  I included the link here:  <https://www.cdc.gov/features/measles/>.   There’s a lot of info, so people can review and pull off whatever they want from this site.

Bailey Hill Child Care Resource & Referral: -Beginning to wrap up this year’s BIP program. Providers are really appreciating this program! This program was created to help remove financial barriers for home providers and centers.

-Also wrapping up NAPSACC incentive DHS gave us grant money to incentivize the NAPSACC training and websites. Homes get $250 and centers get $500 for participating. Trainings held in Denison, Cherokee, and Sioux City. I have 2 centers and 6 homes participating.

-Discussed Monday’s BV County Child Care Solutions mtg.

Dawn Sickelka, Decat/CPPC:

Meredith Mickelson, 1st Five:

Cindy Partlow, i-smile Coordinator: Preschool and Head Start screenings have been competed in BV and Sac Counties. The I-Smile program would like to offer a summer sealant program, in Storm Lake, for children 6-18, but due to language barriers had not been able to find a way to make this happen.

Juanita Mondragon, Lutheran Service in Iowa:

Erika Banse, Parent Partner:

Shelly Rock, The Bridge of Storm Lake: I am sharing two web addresses that I mentioned today.

1. [www.treehouseyouth.org](http://www.treehouseyouth.org)  This is a program that the Bridge is hoping to pilot next fall here in Storm Lake. Treehouse originated in Mnpls/St. Paul, MN

2. [www.makeitok.org/iowa](http://www.makeitok.org/iowa)  This is about starting community conversations across the State of Iowa to decrease the stigma associated with mental illness. This is a Health Partners/Unity Point project managed by Healthiest State Initiative partnering with NAMI Iowa and others. Northwest Iowa will be one of three areas that they will focus on initially.

Trevina Jefferson, Trepson (Preschool/Child Care:

* The first citywide Day of the Child Multicultural Festival is approved by Storm Lake to take place on September 28, 2019 from 9am-2pm. There over 22 leaders in the community that have taken leadership roles in making this event our best display of citywide unity around children. The steering committee meets 3rd Fridays at noon. It is spearheaded by Lee Dutfield, Trevina Jefferson, and Annette Koster. To be added to the steering committee or get updates, please contact Trevina Jefferson (jeffersontrevina@gmail.com). We have significant investment from Storm Lake, Storm Lake United, and Tyson Foods thus far.
* Annette Koster and Trevina Jefferson are leading the Storm Lake Child Care Solution Committee as part of the Iowa Women’s Foundation statewide initiative. Iowa Central is bringing a full AA degree (& diploma) to the Storm Lake campus this Fall. Iowa Central has made an agreement with BVU to get the AA degree courses to fulfill the ECE endorsement at BVU while students pay tuition similar to Iowa State University. When Students transfer to BVU, they have about 2.5 years left and can receive their K-6 teaching license, ECE endorsement, and reading endorsement. Normally, ECE courses do not transfer to 4 year colleges/universities to satisfy requirements; instead, ECE courses usually transfer as electives.
* Iowa Central needs 10 students to enroll in the ECE program for Fall, or the program will go away and it is unlikely it will return. We are having an all hands-on-deck recruitment event for this program. T.E.A.C.H will also be at the event to talk to students and employers about scholarships.

**Iowa Central Community College**

**ECE AA or Diploma Degree**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2019**

**2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**916 Russell Street, Storm Lake**

* Trepson Montessori (Trevina Jefferson)– Only QRS level 5 program in Buena Vista County
* After surveying employees from a major Storm Lake Employer, we have expanded our hours to 4:30am – 6pm. We are in the process of moving from a B to C (2 providers) child development home to accommodate more full time children. We accept child care assistance and BVCS preschool scholarships.
* Trepson Foundation
* Received a letter of endorsement from Storm Lake for early childhood programming in Storm Lake.
* Started a STEM program at St. Mark Lutheran Church for ages 2-5. The program operates Tuesdays & Thursdays for children 2-5 from 1:45-5:15pm at $18/day.
* Now accepting applications for full day and part day preschool for 2019-2020 that will be at St. Mark Lutheran Church. The program accepts Child Care Assistance and has other funding/scholarships available for parents. We are striving for NAEYC accreditation this summer to partner with the school for more funding support to parents.

# Next Meeting Date: June 20 at 10:00 am