



CRAWFORD COUNTY COALITION



Decat/Community Partnerships for Protecting Children, and BVCS Early Childhood Iowa - Minutes

Date: December 15, 2015 **Time:** 1:00 pm **Location:** ISU Extension & Outreach, Denison

Upcoming Events: April 1st, 2016 Spring Seminar – Harlan (CEU’S and CMC offered) all day
 April 2nd, 2016 Music with Mar – Wall Lake 8:00 am – 3:15 pm
 April 25-27 PCA IA Conference – Des Moines
 May 2-3 CPPC 201 & State meetings – Des Moines
 May 4-5 CPPC Summit – Des Moines
 June 7th Regional CPPC meeting – Denison

January 7th, 2016 Child Development Block Grant Public Hearing
 February 23rd, 2016 Early Childhood Iowa Day on the Hill

Purpose: A Community Coalition is meant to bring agencies and community members together to be able to share information and assist in gathering information about the community. In the event an agency needs assistance for a project, to meet a grant need, they can: present to the group, and or draw upon attendees to form workgroups. The representative can then report back on the performance of the program.

Today’s Speaker/Topic: Carol Ehlers, Human Services Specialist Family Finance, ISU Extension & Outreach: *Smart Choice Health Insurance* Developed by the University of Maryland Extension Health Insurance Literacy Team. Smart Choice is a basic evaluation tool and support piece when working with families/providers who no longer have health insurance. Carol provided a training to the group in attendance, and is able to provide to others contact her at 712-792-5056 or 712-299-3454 xehlers@iastate.edu

NETWORKING/PROGRAM UPDATES

Attendees:

<p>BVCS Early Childhood Iowa, Annette Koster</p>	<p>The Iowa Department of Human Services Child Care Development Block Grant, Iowa’s draft CCDF State Plan will be available for review and comment from Dec 18, 2015 - January 7, 2016. DHS website https://dhs.iowa.gov/node/2309 to view the draft work plan. Encourage to read through plan and give comment on all or one area that is of concern to you. One example is expanding child care assistance eligibility from 6 months to 12 months to prevent the “cliff” effect for families. The other is anyone receiving state child care assistance will have more criteria. The plan is a big document so if you have an opinion in one area study and provide feedback on that certain topic. Public hearing will be held on Jan 7, 2016 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Iowa Association of Community College Trustee offices located at 855 E Court Ave Des Moines, IA. You may also attend the public hearing via webinar must preregister. Monday Musings by Jeff Anderson Office of Early Childhood Iowa contact him to receive electronically. (See attachment)</p>
<p>Child Care Resource & Referral Child Care Consultant, Retta Mitchell</p>	<p>Need more child care provider in Crawford County. Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral and the Iowa Department of Public Health have teamed up to bring a new and innovative approach to exercise and nutrition. We are committed to supporting child care programs by offering the consultation and training needed to encourage healthy food choices and opportunities for physical play. The Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care (NAP SACC) project is being piloted in Western Iowa to implement the strategies and skills needed to foster</p>

	<p>healthy behaviors in children that are crucial to their growth and development.</p> <p>Shared Child Care Resource & Referral Annual Report 2015.</p>
Child Health Specialty Clinic, Shawne Wittrock	<p>Serving children birth-21 years of age special needs, gap filling agency. Provide care coordination to families. Work with regional office with autism. University of Iowa offers tele-health services for mental health.</p>
Crawford County Home Health, Hospice & Public Health, Lori Hoch (1 st Five), Nicki Ahart (hawk-i)	<p>Lori H last day with First Five will be Dec 28th, Nicki A will take over. Will be offering a Spring Seminar April 1st in Harlan at the Myrtle Hospital, CMC & CEU's will be available. Topics will cover Trauma Informed Care, Cultural Competence.</p> <p>hawk-i outreach is available through CCHHH&PH.</p>
Crawford County Home Health, Hospice & Public Health; Jennifer Macke	<p>i-smile is a gap filling service, will help with referral for dental care. Provide education, fluoride varnish, and care coordination with Early Childhood Iowa and Medicaid funds.</p>
Crossroads of Crawford County, Jeanette Clausen	<p>New service available in Crawford County. A between the gaps type service for all ages birth to 99+. Attending meetings to get updates on status of agencies. Request that at the next meeting bring anything within the agency that list services.</p>
Community Link Mentoring	<p>This program is no longer provided in Crawford County. Six matches were referred to the school mentoring program (in school only).</p>
Decat/CPPC, Mollie Scott	<p>Second quarterly report due for mentoring and family assistance. Mini grants for Crawford County include: DR. ALTo, Denison Library, and Baby Boutique. New contract with Crossroads. Mentoring contract terminated. Waiting for NW AEA to give dates for about poverty simulator, location will be at Our Savior Lutheran Church.</p> <p>Decat/CCPC Board minutes are posted on the Region XII website.</p>
Early Head Start & Head Start, Becky Ruiz & Karen Zimm	<p>Early Head Start serves children 6 weeks to 3 years.</p> <p>Head Start serves children 3 & 4 year olds, work on kindergarten readiness. Currently have openings for children.</p>
ISU Extension & Outreach, Carol Ehlers and Paige Amenell	<p>Carol presented on Smart Choice (see information above) and family finance.</p> <p>Paige is the Program Coordinator, started position in May.</p>
Partner Partners, Melony Storm	<p>Parent Partners mentors/work with families in DHS system as a support to families. Juvenile Court case currently have three families in Crawford County. November was the highest month, mentoring 31 in the service area. Have both a male and female that serve Crawford County. Continue looking for Parent Partners a training will be held in Atlantic. April Gardner is the Coordinator for Crawford.</p>
Plains Area Mental Health, Amy Hull	<p>School Based Mental Health 48 kids utilizing. Evaluate and refer on for services. Program is short term includes skill building. Lyndsey Brinker started an in-school mentoring program have 12 to 14 matches.</p> <p>Plains Area Mental Health Crisis home in Sac City has 8 beds working on 9th. The home is a short term, stay three to five days, is a home like environment, place to regroup, a step prior to hospitalization. Benefits daily contact, covered 24/7 365 days a year, opening in February. Melissa Drey, Crisis Services; Ashley Miller, Rolling Hills Mental Health Area, home.</p>
Regional Housing Authority, Angie McCollough	<p>Accepting applications one to two months, short waiting list, income eligible qualifications.</p>

Next meeting February 16, 2016

CRAWFORD CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: December 15, 2015

Time: 2:00 P.M. following Community Coalition

Location: ISU Extension & Outreach

Sign In and Introductions: Annette Koster, BVCS Early Childhood Iowa; Retta Mitchell, CCR&R; Shawne Wittorck; Becky Ruiz, Early Head Start; Paige Amenell, ISU Extension & Outreach; Amanda Krause, Lutheran Services in Iowa; Amy Hull, Plains Area Mental Health.

Agenda Review: Amanda K made a motion to approve, seconded by Retta M, all in favor.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion by Amy H seconded by Retta M, to approve Oct 20, 2015 minutes, all in favor.

- Financial Report: Treasurers report, no report provided.
- Monthly/Quarterly Report sent to PCA Iowa: Annette K reported Family STEPS has sent in reports in a timely manner.
- Assign Contract Manager for PCA Contract: Annette K received an email from Abby Paterson with Prevent Child Abuse Iowa checking on status of a Contract Manager with Laura Beeck no longer with Crawford County Public Health. Retta M nominated Annette K take on the role of Contract Manager for the Council, seconded by Amy H, a vote was held, all in favor, motion carries.
- Pizza Ranch fundraiser December 16, 2015 tonight. Workers will be Mollie Scott, Annette K, and Amy Trucke. All are welcome to come help or come out and eat.
- Review By-laws: The Council reviewed both Crawford and Sac County Prevention Council by-laws. Items that need revision include, separate out Secretary and Fiscal Agent. Annette K will revise and present that the February meeting.
- Prevention Activities:
 - Amy H will call the newspaper closer to April. All agencies encourage to write an article about the program/s they offer. In an effort to get resources out the community to assist families/communities. Outcome if community knows of programs they will contract or refer, if getting the assistance needed, it will prevent child abuse.
 - Check with County Supervisors for signing Proclamation.
 - Check with County Court House about Pinwheel Garden.
 - Coat Drive, was done in the past.

The group discussed attendance at the Councils meetings. Include a Read Receipt when emailing out agenda.

Next scheduled meeting for BVCS Crawford Advisory Council: February 16, 2016

Respectfully submitted: Annette Koster, Secretary