

Corner Counties Early Childhood Area
Early Childhood Advisory Committee
April 5, 2011 1:30 PM
Page County West Building 615 Northwest Road, Shenandoah, IA

Present:

Meeting called to order at 1:30PM.

Minutes of the January 4, 2011 meeting were sent out electronically. They were approved as written.

Sharing:

Pam reported that there is no definitive word on funding for Early Childhood services as yet. Programs will be required to do a cost analysis and this will be written into contracts. The CCECA is cosponsoring a training with IWCC for Directors of Non-Profit Boards. The training will be held on April 13, 2011 in the Page Room at the Page County Courthouse in Clarinda. Diaper drive for Page County will be held in conjunction with F/PPCAC with a date to be determined. Family Support Programs are working on a pilot project for the state for Central Point of Intake. Retired teacher, Bill Lawrence will begin serving on the Board of CCECA. CCECA will have an insert in the Clarinda Herald Journal and the Valley News Today the week of April 18, 2011. Cornerstone Kids and Essex Day Care have both received their QRS Level 4 ratings...Congratulations.

Joan Gallagher reported that Dr. Carroll and Dr. Dostal will be offering free dental services on 5/14/11. Joan will send out information. Connie Holmes and Dr Bowery will be doing Developmental Screenings as part of their work with children through the First Five program. The other doctors at SMC have not committed to doing these as yet.

Jeanette Linnenburger reported that the deadline for the receipts/reports to be to her for the "Reach For The Stars" program is 5/15/11. She was able to give grants from \$90 to \$1,000+ for the project. A training "Spring into Learning" will be held at IWCC in Shenandoah on 4/30. Those interested are urged to register.

Bob Eschliman, who was present telephonically reported on the project "Free For All" that the Clarinda Herald Journal and the Valley News are working on. This was an event that he worked on at his previous paper in Adair and it was very successful. The event will be held in three locations, Clarinda, Shenandoah and Red Oak at the end of July or beginning of August. All children will be supplied with: dental check-ups, eye exams, haircuts, backpacks that will be fitted by a Chiropractor, school supplies. There will also be an area where families can go through gently used clothing. The newspapers will be seeking the support of local merchants and industry to support the project. Bob is seeking our support for community awareness and help on the day of the event. Judy Foutch, Essex Day Care asked if he would be willing to collaborate with the Shenandoah Assembly of God as they have been doing a similar event for many years. Bob said they would love to join forces.

Immunizations and Documentation Training – Julie Thomas, Child Care Nurse Consultant for Fremont and Page Counties and Kimm Livengood with Page County Public Health provided training on immunization requirements and the required information that day care centers and preschools must obtain prior to a child being served at their facility. Facilities must have an up-to-date Certificate of Immunization for each child being served by their facility. The facilities are required to provide this form to the Public Health representative that conducts their immunization audit. You can transfer the information from an incorrect document to the correct document, but a nurse must sign it. When Public Health comes to conduct the audit the nurse can sign off on the "Certificate of Immunization". She will compare the record to the Certificate, so be sure to staple the record to the Certificate. Children who

do not have the required immunizations and do not have a Medical Exemption Certificate signed by their doctor or a Religious Exemption Certificate that is signed and notarized in their file, will not be able to attend the facility until they either have the immunizations as required by law, or have the exemptions in their files.

Children in Day Care centers or Preschools are not required to have lead or dental screenings to attend. However, children entering kindergarten are required to have both. It is important that all children are tested for lead poisoning at 12 months, 18 months, 2 years and each year following through age 5. Lead poisoning will lead to a lowering of the child's mental capacity. It is also important that children are seen by a dentist by the time they are 12 months old. Most dentists will not see children this young, but we must empower our families to get dentists to do this. Here in Southwest Iowa we have a problem with dentists willing to see young children at all.

Dates and Times for our meetings were discussed. During the next year, 2011-2012 we will meet on: Tuesdays, August 9th, November 8th, February 14th and May 8th at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Keefer