**MEETING MINUTES:**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Of**

**Cedar Valley's Promise Early Childhood Coalition**

**Friday, August 7, 2020**

**Via Zoom Link**

**9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**Agenda:**

1. **Introductions and Agency Sharing:**

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| Kim Tiedt w  CCR&R | -Child Care Center & home providers are continuing to care for children or plan for more additional school age children.  Challenging how to Figure out how working with many different return to learn plans.  -Registered Child Care Homes are able to continue to care for their maximum during this pandemic without having to have an assistant and count part-time hrs. like they had to before. They still have to stay within their age maximums but this helps with families and school age kids needing care especially on any off days/staggered schedule that kids don’t report to school.  -We are getting many inquiries about becoming a child care home provider, need to see follow through to complete this. Always a busy time for this interest.  -Child Care Consultants are doing limited visits on site, have done some outside a provider’s home.  If virtual works using technology this is the most common to connect with CC providers. Also communication via email and phone.  -Training: A few face to face trainings will be offered otherwise all other trainings are offered virtually. We can send out more info once Reg. 2 plans are confirmed.  -This fall BH will offer training reimbursement grants up to $50 for Registered BH providers to attend trainings. There is an application process & once approved provider pays for training, takes training, and provides proof of completion & payment, then is reimbursed.  -IAEYC Fall Conference is going to virtual….October 1-3, 2020….Save the Date!  -Finishing today - 1st face to face training with NAC with 10 participants. Went well! |
| Charletta w Waterloo Schools | Return to Learn plan completed for the school year 2020-2021. No virtual learning for preschool – will start school on August 27th. |
| Traci Smith w First Five | She & coworkers have been in their office the whole time during COVID-19. Medical providers are still doing well child visits – some are doing them through telehealth & some in person. Referrals have increased recently. Could be due to more children getting well child exams before school starts. They are prepping for IDPH state visit coming up soon. |
| Joni Spencer w  YPT/Success St School Based Health Centers/Together for Youth | Joni reported that YPT group of teen parents has tripled in size. Continuing zoom with groups & individuals. Has turned more into individualized education because of more one on one work vs. group setting during COVID-19. Parenting questions about Safe Sleep, breastfeeding, overwhelmed parents, and referrals to Tri-County Head Start for parenting support. Continuing to virtually offer a Circle Group for Peet Jr. High young ladies. Success Street services offering Telehealth Mental Health counseling with students & families. Success St. also provides pregnancy & STI testing, substance abuse prevention counseling, etc. Success St. works closely with school counselors. |
| Linda Jacoby w  Cedar Valley Preschool & Childcare | Jamie Clancy is now flying solo as the New Director! Welcome! Happy 50th anniversary TODAY to Cedar Valley Preschool & CC! Linda updated that their Nature Explore Playground is in process of renovation. New equipment is coming! Recycled older equipment went to the goats – new fun equipment for them! |
| Ashley Minehart w  Family & Children’s Council | FCC staff still working from home with no return date set yet. Ashley making phone calls to hospitals for referrals instead of going up for visits during COVID 19. Home visits also completed over phone and virtually. Planning on the Take Charge of Your Body program to resume in schools but may also be offered virtually for children not in school. Pack and Plays ordered so please let her know if that is a need. |
| Brenda Loop w  CCR&R and CVP | Brenda has accepted position as Executive Director for CVP and she will begin on August 24th! Congrats Brenda! |
| Diane Hoffman w  Black Hawk County Health Department | NEW UPDATES from Healthy Childcare Iowa just this morning. Check it out – <https://dhs.iowa.gov/COVID19>.  BHCHD recommending same safety measures during COVID 19: social distancing, wear a mask, wash hands! Hand Sanitizer recall – methanol/wood alcohol. Encouraging Telehealth for well child exams. State of Iowa wants immunizations up to date. Diane has been busy getting many calls. Getting some calls with those having issues getting cleaning supplies. She refers child care providers to CCR&R for possible cleaning supplies if still in stock. She is getting questions about masks for children. Different ideas where to keep their mask when the day is done as to not get mixed up with other children. Put child’s name on front and back of mask. Keep mask in a small brown paper bag in cubby or could use a pencil box to keep mask in until child uses again. Face shield needs to come lower than child’s chin & come around the sides of the face and should also be worn with a mask if the child allows. Recommending using a spacer with nebulizer for children w seasonal allergies because less chance of particles going out into the room. Number of Covid 19 cases increasing In Home and Centers. She recommends opening window(s) whenever possible and increased outdoor time. Encourage parents, caregivers, & staff to limit their visits and family outings to keep exposure down. |
| Mindy Dolan  Operation Threshold | Not many changes to report. OT still closed to the public. Small amt of staff in building answering phones, paperwork, & available to receive info that families drop off & can meet families in parking lot so they can receive items. Rachel, Nest coordinator, is still providing programs on FB Live.  LIHEAP can still be done virtually through September 30, 2020. |
| Liz Melcher, Amanda McKee & Elizabeth Kehret  LSI/HOPES | Elizabeth reported that LSI office is moving on 9/1/20 to 302 South St. by Group Museum. She is leaving & going to Mason City/Charles City office as the LSI Service Coordinator. Congrats! Home visitors have been doing virtual visits since March 2020 & will continue. They currently need referrals. Hiring for multiple positions. |
| Ed Gruenwald & Trebion Wade w  Grin & Grow | Welcome New Director, Trebion Wade! She started 2 weeks ago. She is from Michigan and new to Iowa 2 years ago. No other updates to share. |
| Jay w  Community United Child Care Centers | No updates at this time. |
| Chris Izer w  Tri-County Head Start/Home Visitation | Home visitors have continued to do virtual home visits while working at home. Hiring for 2 home visitor positions. All Tri-County staff have new email address…..see example of Chris’s new address – [cizer@teamtricounty.org](mailto:cizer@teamtricounty.org)  (First name initial last name @ tricountyteam.org – note no DOT after first name initial) |
| Jaynie Mason w  Mason City OT/Parents as Teachers | Adding Buchanan County with Black Hawk County now. |
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1. **Additions/ modifications to agenda – Joni Spencer approved and Kim Tiedt 2nd Motion approved.**
2. **CVP report and update –** none
3. **MIECHV update –** none
4. **Shared Visions-update –** *Waterloo Schools didn’t receive this year for preschool. Jaynie reported that they received Shared Visions.*
5. **Community Awareness, Education, Advocacy -** none
6. **Early Childhood Health-update -** none
7. **Campaign for Grade Level Reading – Brenda Loop gave report –**Board has been meeting virtually. Summer school academy started Monday for 2 weeks. Enrolled about 300 children, 200 face to face & 100 virtually. Kits were put together (K-3rd grade) for those not able to participate. Seeking additional funding.

**Next Meeting October 2 –** \*Still meeting 1st Friday of every other month: Dec. Feb. Apr. June