**Virtual Meeting of Cedar Valley's Promise Early Childhood Coalition**

**Friday, December 3, 2021**

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

**Via Zoom Link**

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**In Attendance:** Brenda Loop, Cedar Valley’s Promise; Sarah Boleyn, Child Care Resource & Referral; Tyler Redenbaugh, Unite Us; Ashley Meinhart, Family & Children’s Council; Amanda McKee, LSI; Ed Gruenwald, Grin & Grow; Jill White, Together for Youth; Traci Smith, 1st Five; Jamie Clancy and Linda Jacoby, Cedar Valley Preschool & Child Care; Diane Hoffman, Child Care Nurse Consultant; Angela, YWCA.

**Minutes:**

**1. Additions/modifications to agenda** We changed up the order of items in order to allow for plenty of time for the demonstration by Unite Us.

**2. Approval of minutes of October 1 virtual meeting** Motion by Linda Jacoby to approve the minutes of the October 1 meeting. Seconded by Ed Gruenwald.

**3. CVP report and update**

Brenda shared that she will be reaching out to contractors to schedule virtual contract monitoring visits in the 3rd quarter of the year.

Reminder to save the date for January 5, 2022, from 1-2:30 PM for a virtual legislative event for ECI. A link to register will be coming. There are 8 breakouts scheduled on a variety of topics and there will be time for each person to be in 3 different breakouts of their choosing.

Reminder that if you haven’t sent the Parent Survey to any parents that you work with, please do that. There is no scheduled end date at this time. It is available in English or Spanish. Reach out to Brenda if you need a copy. There have already been more than 400 responses. The results will help guide the next statewide strategic plan.

On December 16 from 1:30-3 pm, there will be a virtual meeting about the recently released Governor’s Child Care Task Force report. Participants will learn about specific programs that are being planned and why these efforts are prioritized at this time. You must preregister using this link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvd-6vqzgvE9AK0XAikzPjGGWNFfQscz3z](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEyMDIuNDk2OTM3MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3VzMDJ3ZWIuem9vbS51cy9tZWV0aW5nL3JlZ2lzdGVyL3RaY3ZkLTZ2cXpndkU5QUswWEFpa3pQakdHV05GZlFzY3ozej91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkifQ.JVw7NAZ8b4D7r_inEYWS4euyeUrvEn8b4qIBDDIag3I/s/1118291320/br/122203658646-l)

ECI directors across the state continue to meet virtually twice per month. At the most recent meeting, a presentation was given regarding the Iowa Black Doula Collective. Black females are 5 times more likely to die from maternal complications. The Collective is recruiting black women to be trained as doulas and they will be holding a training in Waterloo in February/March 2022. Brenda is meeting with their lead, Ebonie, next week. If you know someone who might be interested, please let Brenda know.

Cedar Valley’s Promise is a member of the Association of Early Childhood Area Boards and Advocates and recently held their annual meeting. Results of the most recent fiscal year as well as the legislative priorities for FY22 will be emailed with these minutes.

At the January 20, 2022, CVP Board meeting, the dates and process for contracting for FY23 will be discussed.

**4. Unite Us-** Tyler Redenbaugh gave a brief overview and demonstration of the Unite Us platform. In 2022, they will be in all 50 states as well as all 99 counties in Iowa. Black Hawk County is launching December 8. It is a care coordination platform for all types of needs that families might have. They are HIPPA certified. Consents must be given by the family. Consent can be provided in a variety of ways and the consent form is available in 50 languages at a 5th grade reading level. Programs that don’t want to participate can have a Provider Assistance link for families to fill out to get help without participating it the program themselves. Links from Tyler are below.

* [**https://meetings.hubspot.com/tredenbaugh/introduction-and-demo**](https://meetings.hubspot.com/tredenbaugh/introduction-and-demo)
* [Iowa Network Packet](https://t.sidekickopen07.com/s3t/c/5/f18dQhb0S7lM8dnFBTW2QJ48z2B9nMJN7t5XWPf2rmRW4WzJj265jFx6W16gGzF3bNH6Z101?te=W3R5hFj4cm2zwW3LD2m33CfBPBW4fPg3c49JH8KW4fGC1K1S1n1CW3K9y3v4hCVq3W1L68YM1Y_x8CW1LpdJG4fGyS9W1JxwY51mp5CwW3K28vy4fGtCqW1NfxFM3K96BnW3K9GnZ49MVrRW1NkHHZ3XWJ1tW1Ljf553yHtQbW2THSr943WgphW1S1r0y3F8PxHf1JDX7004&si=8000000018345712&pi=d5c1d89c-462b-4f7d-dd25-ffa46157dc81) - our handout has more information about the Unite Iowa Initiative.
* [Story of the Sioux City School District using the platform to help a local family in need](https://t.sidekickopen07.com/s3t/c/5/f18dQhb0S7lM8dnFBTW2QJ48z2B9nMJN7t5XWPf2rmRW4WzJj265jFx6W16gGzF3bNH6Z101?te=W3R5hFj4cm2zwW4hJVmT3Kb3vqW3H8_MV3K76SWW3Fbt5S4kFl7_W1Ly_yd23ptkFW4pxrPy3H8CHS22c3&si=8000000018345712&pi=d5c1d89c-462b-4f7d-dd25-ffa46157dc81)
* Here's a list of our upcoming events: <https://uniteus.com/iowa-events/>

**5. Introductions and Agency Sharing**

**Ashley Meinhart FCC:** FCC is interviewing for a new Director, canceled Adult Prom fundraiser, still looking for any funding source to print a new edition for What’s Where in Parenting

**Sarah Boleyn CCR&R:** Finishing up training and a new spring child care provider training calendar will be coming out soon. Consultants are busy supporting child care home with registration and renewals, and QRS applications for both homes and centers. The new IQ4K system will be starting April 1, 2022.

Programs seeing children with more social emotional needs and behind in skills in this area.

**Jill White: Young Parents Together:** Busy with groups meeting both virtually and in person. Last Monday we had 18 at our Group. Started to do some back and person and still some Zoom groups, being flexible, parents struggling to find and access child care. Nov. Parenting It’s a Life focus group with ISU extension. Presentation in Dec with the Women for Good related to nutrition.

**Traci Smith | 1st Five Black Hawk County Public Health:** Still seeing referrals come in. Unity Point Pediatrics have meeting coming up with them. Traci is now an approved CCR&R instructor and working on doing a training for child care providers related to screening and the tools and how to support providers and understand their perspective.

**Brenda Loop Cedar Valley's Promise**-sharing in minutes item #3

**Jamie Clancy, Linda Jacoby Cedar Valley Child Care and Preschool** Thanksgiving dinner went well with the children. They had a great time. Monday 12/6 will have a Christmas Party for staff.

**Amanda McKee, Lutheran services in Iowa HOPES:** Still needing referrals for families wanting home visitation, meeting with school counselor ands having good conversations, building caseloads.

**Jay Mattson CUCCC-** No updates

**Jessica Ruiz & Angela Johnson - YWCA** Angela Johnson is the new Assistant Director of Youth and Family Services. Y Girls Programs running well, PASS parenting group struggling with attendance, lack of child care making this an issue. Still Doing Zoom.

**Diane Hoffman CCNC Black Hawk County Public Health:**

5 Center and home child care programs are dealing with Covid outbreak status. This is different that the schools and their Covid status. Trying to keep centers open. Parents are sending kids to school and child care even if exposed. All need to monitor status of children. Diane Shared low and high risk symptoms. Keep monitoring and hand washing. Immunizations and well checks improving. Diane working with Child care Programs on QRS health and Safety checklists.

**6. MIECHV update-** Tri County is no longer involved in MIECHV. Looking to reallocate those slots across the state, not sure what this will look like for Black Hawk County because we know there are still kids needing to be served.

**Next Meeting**

**Feb. 4**