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

**Friday, August 5, 2022**

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

**Via Zoom Link**

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**Purpose: To assure a full continuum of quality, inclusive early care and education opportunities (for young children birth-8 years and their families) are available within the community. The means for us to accomplish this is through collaboration (to maximize community resources in three primary focus areas).**

**(1) Early intervention and health**

**(2) Parent education and support services**

1. **Early care and education**

**This coalition serves as the community advisory committee for Shared Visions, MIECHV, Cedar Valley Readers and Early Childhood Health.**

**In Attendance:** Brooke Olson, Together for Youth; Sarah Boleyn, CCR&R; Jaynie Mason, Operation Threshold; Brenda Loop, Cedar Valley’s Promise; Jamie Clancy and Linda Jacoby, Cedar Valley Preschool & Child Care: Lindsey Lauck, LSI; Ashley Meinhart and Missy Denning, Family & Children’s Council; Maggie Sibok, Monsoon; Rachel Oberhauser, Operation Threshold; Alisha Hunt, LSI; Joni Spencer, Together for Youth; Traci Smith, 1st Five; Cortney Kiewiet, Operation Threshold; Charletta Sudduth, Waterloo Schools; Jill Weber, ISU Extension.

**Agenda:**

1. **Introductions and Agency Sharing**

Sarah-CCR&R-more programs are interested in the new IQ4K system; Grin and Grow and Learn and Play were accepted into program wide PBIS, still hearing from a few people interested in starting family child care, some new centers in the works and conversations with businesses, conversations with LSI about ELL child care providers, fall training is beginning with a few face to face and some virtual

Jaynie-OT-3 new staff have started or have new roles, Rachel Family Engagement Coordinator now, Cortney Intake & Referral Specialist in her second week and has begun screenings at WIC, Marissa new Nest Coordinator and home visitation in BBFG

Joni-Together for Youth-looking for a staff person for front desk staffing from 7a-3p, things are going well with TFY being with SuccessLink versus Unity Point in the past, YPT with the leadership of Jill White has grown tremendously in the past few years and recently a grandparents’ group has started.

Brooke-YPT in the past few weeks has been partnering with ISU Extension with Parenting It’s a Life.

Alisha Hunt-LSI Hopes-in a new supervisory role at LSI

Lindsey Lauck-LSI-Alisha is the new supervisor, still accepting referrals from families, 1 ECI funded position is open, doing a blend of in person and virtual visits. Working a lot on outreach to area agencies and home visitors are more engaged in building their own caseloads now

Rachel Oberhauser-OT-Family Engagement Coordinator is her new role

Cortney Kiewiet OT-also in a new role as the Intake & Referral Specialist.

Jamie Clancy-Cedar Valley-mortgage has been paid off and all the staff got raises, last weekend hosted a Nature Explorer training at the center, have had a few cases of COVID with staff, summer activities are going well, went to the 4H and STEM fair for the first time, they are also doing strategic planning.

Charletta Sudduth-Waterloo Pre-K-Elk Run preschool program has closed, the Boys and Girls Club has been using the building this summer, there is interest from others in buying the building and using it as employer supported child care, some of the furnishings were shared with some churches that are considering opening centers, Lowell is the Waterloo Pre-K’s largest site with 11 classrooms, Poyner also has 2 classrooms this fall; Waterloo district will be doing their own enrollment for Pre-K classrooms next year, Charletta still has the same phone and email in the new building. An open house at Lowell is being planned for September or October.

Maggie Sibok-Monsoon-Community Health Outreach Worker-back to School bash on Saturday at Audubon Elementary in Dubuque

Missy Denning-FCC-Saturday August 13 hosting a family dance at the Hilton Garden Inn with support from DECAT and CPPC with over 400 pre-registered, Spark to Fire Bien Venu in Cedar Falls September 15 there are still tickets available for that, national speaker coming for that, What’s Where in the Cedar Valley formerly What’s Where in Parenting has been published with support from CPPC, copies are available at the FCC office. Parenting Education groups have grown in size. Sara Mayer is joining the team as Community Resource and Education Coordinator in the role Megan previously held. If you have a group of adults in need of the Stewards of Children training, it can be provided at no charge. Did an event at Byrnes Park in the last couple of weeks with Cedar Valley Angels and distributed over 150 hot dogs organized by their AmeriCorp worker.

Ashley-FCC-Family Services Coordinator overseeing Baby Safety Program, did car seat training at pickup time for some child care centers over the summer, will be providing at some preschools when they start up this fall, Coordinated Intake still happening at the hospitals and from the baby safety program families.

Traci-1st Five-we are hiring a Developmental Support person within the 1st Five program, will be providing training on pediatric mental health supports for Prairie Parkway staff, high transmission for COVID in Black Hawk, health dept will be hosting the Big Tent event next week.

Jill Weber-ISU Extension-ServeSafe Food Safety training is scheduled over the next year and there is some grant funding providing scholarships, next class is September 26. Child Care Provider Training is still happening as well with several scheduled this fall around gardening and food safety. Also doing community classes about community gardening and food preservation including one in Spanish.

Joni’s information regarding the position they are hiring for: If any of you know anyone who would be interested in the Success Street Resource Navigator position that enjoys helping young people stay healthy by connecting them to programming/services, keep them engaged in school, help them reach their goals, a lil public speaking/outreach, enjoys collaborating with other agencies... please forward my email to them asap if they'd like to apply. Joni@successlink.us

1. **Additions/modifications to agenda** None.
2. **Approval of minutes of June 3 virtual meeting** Motion by Sarah to approve minutes and seconded by Jaynie. Motion approved.
3. **CVP report and update**

Do we want to eliminate the need for approving minutes? Yes! We will no longer approve minutes from this meeting since we are an advisory only, not a decision-making group.

Annual report for FY22 is being worked on. Brenda will contact contract holders for matching funds that were used to support the work.

Preschool scholarship applications are being accepted for services beginning July 1. A completed application and 1 month of paystubs or current year taxes, first page only. The application and income guidelines can be found on the CVP website at cedarvalleyspromise.net or by emailing Brenda. Maximum amount is $300 per month.

Iowa AEYC Professional Development Fall Institute is being held at the airport Holiday Inn on September 30 and October 1.

Iowa is embarking on several studies and program expansion related to child care and the child care workforce. Brenda participated in the design team for Shared Services. The work is being led by Opportunities Exchange and the goal is for Iowa to have hubs of child care providers able to access things like payroll, child attendance, bulk purchasing etc. to reduce administrative costs the center has to bear.

Next Wednesday, August 10 will be an information meeting from 11 AM to Noon with Unite Us at the Waterloo Public Library. It is a free, online referral platform.

1. **MIECHV update**-Jaynie shared that the application for funding has been turned in for the next contract period of MIECHV. Next week they will be holding the Parent Advisory meeting for MIECHV. Numbers are up with home visiting enrollment for MIECHV
2. **Shared Visions update** Home Visitation and Family Support have a few openings in Black Hawk and Buchanan.
3. **Community Awareness, Education, Advocacy** Big Tent Event August 10. Brooke shared about IowaWorks event Finding your Future for 16 to 24-year-olds. $325 incentive if you attend all days. They’ll get connected with career planner, personality traits and workplace skills and doing resume and interview skills September 12-16 9a-3p. Also received Iowa’s Project Launch Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Aug 1-26 it will be available virtually. Brooke will share both of these events electronically.
4. **Early Childhood Health**-still in the process of hiring a Child Care Nurse Consultant
5. **Campaign for Grade Level Reading** -Brenda shared that work continues in Black Hawk with conversations regarding how this volunteer committee can support literacy initiatives in the Cedar Valley.

**Next Meeting**

**Oct 7**