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

**Friday, October 7, 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, Campaign for Grade Level Reading and Early Childhood Health.**

**In Attendance:** Brenda Loop, Cedar Valley’s Promise; Lindsey Lauck, LSI; Shannon Hames, CCR&R; Jaynie Mason, Operation Threshold; Traci Smith, 1st Five; Alisha Hunt, LSI; Ashley Meinhart, Family & Children’s Council; Kaylee Thoma, YWCA; Liz Melcher, LSI; Missy Denning, Family & Children’s Council; Sarah Kenkel, Hawkeye Community College; Heather Shores, Child Health Specialty Clinics; Liz Melcher, LSI; Vanessa Mamabolo, Tri-County; Charletta Sudduth, Waterloo Schools; Ed Gruenwald, Grin & Grow; Jamie Clancy and Linda Jacoby, Cedar Valley Preschool & Child Care

**Agenda:**

1. **Introductions and Agency Sharing**

Shannon Hames-CCR&R staff are continuing to work with child care providers. There are a few new centers in process. They recently had a center director meeting and have 2 additional ones scheduled. October 20 will have WAGE$/T.E.A.C.H. virtual meeting. Some in person trainings are coming up later this month. A new Child Care Nurse Consultant has been hired, Cindy Wolf. A car seat event was held on September 24.

Jaynie Mason-OT PAT is almost full for enrollment. The families are mostly seen in person. The NEST program has 2 classes in person and the others virtual. Looking for ways to increase attendance and there is a new NEST coordinator. There is a parent advisory committee scheduled for next week. October 20 will be a parent’s event at Gateway Park.

Sarah Kenkel-HCC-connect students to different resources including child care and parent education courses.

Liz Melcher and Alisha Hunt and Lindsey Lauck-LSI HOPES program, the Baby Shower was held this past Tuesday with slightly slower attendance. They will evaluate holding just in the spring. Still seeking referrals from families to enroll. They are also in process of hiring 2 home visitors. They are mostly meeting with families in person. Also having outreach with lots of partners in the community.

Charletta Sudduth-have fully moved in the new space at Lowell Elementary. All students need a new quality space and they are very excited in the new classrooms.

Heather Shores-Family Navigator Child Health Specialty Clinics-referrals made for families with a child with autism or language barriers. Lots of referrals to behavioral health services recently.

Traci Smith-1st Five-the care coordination position has been filled at 1st Five. Because of that, Traci is able to do more outreach to service providers.

Jamie Clancy & Linda Jacoby-Cedar Valley Preschool-just had their 52nd anniversary. 3 weeks ago, Lieutenant Dennis O’Neill (Dennis.O'Neill@cedarfalls.com) from CF PD came in and did an active shooter training. They currently have a high school student working with them from the Career Academy. They just received their 4th Head Start student with 1 more slot available. Two staff are completing their teaching degree soon.

Ed Gruenwald-Grin & Grow-a lot of training and hiring has been happening lately. Working on increasing enrollment as new teachers are hired.

Missy Denning & Ashley Meinhart-FCC-on site car seat checks were completed at 24 locations this summer. In August, they hosted a family dance which was a huge success. The event was free for families. They participated at the People’s Community Health Big Tent event. They also participated in the car seat event Shannon shared about. Ashley is doing a lot of individualized car seat checks as well. On Wednesday evenings, they have a parent education class. A new staff has been hired, Naomi, to do the child sexual abuse training that reaches 10,000 students per year. She is working with their AmeriCorp staff starting in December to do more outreach with the Stewards of Children training for adults. Also participated in the Baby Shower and have some Trunk or Treat events coming up. They have an Essential Baskets program at the office for things like toilet paper, paper towels, etc. that is approximately 2-week supply. Reach out to FCC if you have someone in need of those types of supplies. They will be having a fundraiser November 5 at Bien Venu from 10-2 for some Christmas shopping with 40 vendors and a hot chocolate and apple cider bar. Tickets are $20. The link for tickets is on the FCC Facebook page or Amanda Goodman’s FB page.

Kaylee Thoma-YWCA-getting ready to bring PASS back in person and will be offering child care. They are still enrolling families for the PASS program. The fall fundraiser is October 14 for $35 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Cedar Falls. It is a casino night event.

Vanessa Mamabolo-Tri-County-they are meeting with all families in person now and are still enrolling families and are looking to hire additional home visitors. They had a family event recently with great attendance. They have a partnership with HCC ELL program and are also doing a birth control education program with Allen College. They also had an active shooter training with Lt. O’Neill and he will also do a training for the staff that go into the homes. They will have 2 interns starting in January on the home visiting team.

1. **Additions/modifications to agenda**-none
2. **CVP report and update-**Brenda shared that first quarter reports are due in 2 weeks for those contractors that need to complete them. She shared that she joined the Iowa AEYC Executive and Governing Boards earlier this year. Iowa AEYC recently held their fall institute with about 650 in attendance. Dr. Brandy Smith has just started her term as the Iowa AEYC Board President. A summary of Family Support activities in Black Hawk County was shared with Brenda from Janet Horras. After some clarifications are received, the report will be shared with the family support contractors. The FY22 Annual Report was submitted and is on the CVP website. A recurring highlight was the amount of outside funding that is received to support braiding of funding with ECI dollars.
3. **MIECHV update-**reauthorization will hopefully be happening soon. Some current contractors met with Senator Grassley in July and some families who receive services were in attendance. Senator Grassley is very supportive.
4. **Shared Visions**-OT gets some dollars for Shared Visions. No update.
5. **Community Awareness, Education, Advocacy**-Charletta shared that she is grateful for all the funding in the community. It would be nice to see expanded funding for 3-year-olds. Now is the time to make your plan for voting either in person or with absentee ballot. It’s also a good time to connect with your local legislators before the session begins.
6. **Early Childhood Health**-a new CCNC has been hired, Nafissa’s last day is October 21; a new lead poisoning prevention specialist has been hired as well as a new i-smile coordinator also. Black Hawk leads the state in incidence of tooth decay.
7. **Campaign for Grade Level Reading-**the steering committee continues to meet and work on refining goals and strategies to move the campaign forward.

**Next Meeting**

**Dec. 2nd**