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

**Friday, February 3, 2023**

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

**Via Zoom Link**

**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:** Cindy Wolf BH Public Health, Brenda Loop CVP, Sarah Boleyn CCR&R, Joanne Lane CVP Board, Latisha Smith Tri-County, Alisha Hunt LSI, Ashley Meinhart FCC, Lindsey Lauck LSI, Rachel Oberhauser OT, Brandy Avalos, Joni Spencer TFY, Traci Smith 1st Five, Linda Jacoby and Jamie Clancy and Intern Shawn Cedar Valley Preschool, Jay Mattson Community United, Ed Gruenwald Grin & Grow, Vanessa Mamabolo Tri-County

**Agenda:**

1. **Introductions and Agency Sharing**

Ashley Meinhart-FCC-Fundraiser trivia night is coming up on 2/23 at the UAW at 6:30 pm. Teams of up to 8. Naomi is the staff doing Take Charge of Your Body and Stewards of Children. Coordinated Intake is still happening at the hospitals. Missy is still doing the parenting group. If you have families interested, you can call the office.

Sarah Boleyn-CCR&R-Black Hawk Director’s meeting identified some needs for active shooter preparation. A virtual meeting for child care centers will be held on March 1 at 1 pm virtually with a CF Police Officer. Providers still seem to be interested in virtual training. Some face to face options for training are still being offered.

Jay Mattson-CUCCC-no sharing

Ed Gruenwald-Grin & Grow-new Director of Education is Meghan Smith

Jamie Clancy and Linda Jacoby-Cedar Valley-introduced Shawn, an intern from UNI in Social Work. They got a new security system recently.

Lindsey Lauck-LSI-Still looking to enroll more families. Most home visits are happening in person now. A community baby shower will be happening in April.

Cindy Wolf-Child Care Nurse Consultant-still getting out to meet all the child care programs. She is able to help with IQ4K visits.

Vanessa Mamabolo and LaTisha Smith-Tri-County--all in person home visiting currently, recently changed to a new curriculum. There is a new home visitor for early head start and currently have 3 interns. The administrative offices are moving to the old Hawkeye Metro campus beginning on Monday. Planning to have children there this fall.

Rachel Oberhauser-OT-diapers will be coming soon from the diaper grant. Families must be participating with PAT at OT or LSI and the program will go through the end of 2023 at least.

Traci Smith-1st Five-medical provider training for mental health is still happening. There are also monthly trainings happening around mental health. Pediatric Dental Awareness month is February and will be highlighted in i-smile.

Joni Spencer-TFY and Success Street-TFY has been using space at the food bank and OT and they are outgrowing the space. They are discussing having 2 sessions per week or finding a larger space. It’s a good problem to have to need more space for participants.

1. **Additions/modifications to agenda**-none
2. **CVP report and update**-Brenda shared that she will be going to Washington DC at the end of the month for NAEYC’s Public Policy Conference and visits to the Capitol. Preschool scholarship applications are available for funding beginning 7/1/23. The monthly amount has been increased from $300 to $600. Applications for families and programs are available on the website. If you’re currently in a contract with CVP, you only need to submit a budget for FY24 by April 20, 2023. Applications will be accepted from programs that are not currently receiving funds. The full RFP form is on the website at www.cedarvalleyspromise.net Shanell Wagler at the state ECI office retired as of last week. The job will be posted soon. In the new HHS structure, ECI will be in the Early Intervention and Support Division of the Family Well-Being and Protection Bureau under the direction of Janee Harvey. The Early Intervention Support director was just announced this week as Shelley Horak. Contract monitoring will be happening virtually in the month of February.
3. **MIECHV update**-none
4. **Shared Visions**-none
5. **Community Awareness, Education, Advocacy**-Brenda shared about the lobbyist firm serving the ECI Association, Eide & Walton. She shared about 2 child care bills that have been introduced. Concerns shared with fingerprinting and training process. Sarah shared that will be May 20 Shared Services regional meeting for our area. Joni shared about HF 59 and HF 166 and some concerns about youth with mental health concerns especially the LGBTQ youth.
6. **Early Childhood Health**-Cindy shared previously.
7. **Campaign for Grade Level Reading**-Brenda shared that the steering committee continues to meet.

Also coming up April 15-21 is the Week of the Young Child. We would like programs to share on their social media sites about that week.

Discussion after the meeting about how we could get information from community agencies to potential interns.

**Next Meeting**

**April 14**