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

**Friday, August 8, 2025**

**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:** Christy Weber, HHS; Sarah Boleyn, CCR&R; Liz Melcher, LSI; Brooke Olson, TFY; Traci Smith, 1st Five; Jay Mattson, CUCCC; Lindsey Lauck, LSI; Danya Albert, Monsoon; Linda White, Iowa Total Care; Sarah Ross, Tri-County

**Agenda:**

1. **Introductions and Agency Sharing**

Brooke-October 29 Count the Kicks event will be happening. Have taken the new DAISEY training. Groups are a little smaller in summer. They have hired a new staff person.

Liz, Lindsey, and Alexa-both home visitor positions have been filled. Coordinated intake has been going well.

Jay-excited for the new school year to start

Sarah-trainings have started for fall with a few virtual and some face to face coming up in September, HHS will be allowing coaching for credit around ChildNet and PBIS and this will count for training hours.

Christy-as of July 1, child care providers can have immunization exemptions and must have those in writing and also letters after compliance checks for family child care look more like centers now.

Traci-referral form was recently updated and is more streamlined now, timeline has changed a little when they are doing check-ins with families, referrals were 275 in FY25 which is more than ever

Linda-no updates

Danya-they are continuing their training with law enforcement in the Dubuque area

Sarah-home based transition graduation was just this week, in person Growing Great Kids is coming up for 3 days and the following week is the traditional pre-service training. There are 4 new home visitors since March and 2 more will be starting on August 18 with 2 yet to fill.

1. **Additions/modifications to agenda**

None

1. **CVP report and update**

Brenda shared that she is working on annual report data and wrapping up FY25 while moving forward with FY26 funding. There is still funding available but the last board meeting for CVP there was not a quorum. We are scheduled to meet again on August 21. The workgroup that had been meeting weekly about moving ECI into districts has stopped meeting and all calendar invites were deleted. We are unclear what the process will be moving forward. Brenda will be presenting at the Iowa AEYC fall institute in October about advocacy.

1. **Child Care Solutions Fund Workgroup**

Sarah shared that the state is seeking information about staffing in child care centers. Unsure how to move forward with business funding at the state level. The group has pivoted from thinking about an hourly wage increase to more of a stipend or bonus.

1. **Parent Pals**

Things are going well. Alisha is going into the hospitals 5 days a week. They are hoping to add another .5 FTE to do more outreach to OB clinics and pediatric care.

1. **Shared Visions**

None

1. **Community Awareness, Education, Advocacy**

**Next Meeting**

**Oct. 10, 2025**

Brenda will be presenting about advocacy at Iowa AEYC. There is also the Iowa Nonprofit Alliance conference coming up on October 1. Brooke shared about the Count The Kicks event coming up virtually on October 29.