

Taylor County Interagency Minutes  
August 23, 2018

- Debra Simmonds – 1<sup>st</sup> Five Taylor County Public Health
  - Working on setting up another peer to peer meeting at the Hardin Clinic in Bedford
  - Handed out sheets on nurturing a child's mental health
- Lori Henrich – Growing Strong Families
  - Serving 27 families
  - Making contacts with a few more, but always recruiting
- Joan Gallagher – Taylor County Public Health
  - Sent info to doctors living in Taylor County who deliver babies to encourage more MCH visits
  - Performance measures
    - Dental checks by age 2
    - Well child checks at age appropriate times
  - Received Delta Dental grant to offset loss in funding
  - Lead screening grant format has changed but same workload
  - Child Care Nurse Consultant presenting required training to providers and is encouraging providers to raise current QRS rating
  - Sealant program to start soon in the schools
  - Flu shots will be offered in a few months at the schools to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through senior/staff, partnering with pharmacies
- Brandy Powers – Tobacco Prevention
  - New workplan was handed out, focus on policies at businesses and childcare center/home-based daycare
  - Looking for more coalition help with getting Quitline information out and contacts for policies
- Julie Lang – MATURA Head Start
  - Next project for families is focused on dental health, will be presented at each center
  - New standards on what should be available to families
  - Orientation happening today and tomorrow at Little Dogs
  - Going to talk with Tinker Tots about 3 year old program, wanting to fill gaps where present and assist with making funds last longer
  - Review scheduled in October
  - Competitive grant for head start and early head start coming available for a 10 county region; looking to serve possibly 3 of the southern counties by partnering with community entities
  - WIC open house August 30<sup>th</sup> in Creston 11-2pm
  - Agency won the Gold Loving Support breastfeeding award
- Angie Larson – MATURA Head Start (report submitted)
  - Still looking for a few kiddos
  - Adams, Union, and Madison counties have available spots
- Vicki Sickels – Quad County 4 Kids (report submitted)
  - Next meeting of the Quad Counties Board is Wednesday, August 29. This is one week later than normal. Our Annual Report will be approved. All 4 board positions for Taylor County have now been filled!
- Carol Jensen – Child Care Resource & Referral (report submitted)
  - No longer have the toll-free number (800-945-9778). For parent referrals to child care, they now call 855-CHILD01 (855-244-5301). If someone wants to reach the office in Harlan, they can call 712-755-7381.
  - Looking for opportunities to speak to parent groups, so please contact me if you want me to do a presentation! Thank you, have a great meeting!
- Courtney Vestal - Parent Partner Coordinator (report submitted)
  - We have scheduled our Building a Better Future training for October in Atlantic (location to be determined). This is a free training that provides 13.5 contact hours/16.2 CEU meeting the standard criteria specified for continuing education for social workers and credits for foster parent training. This

training is also very beneficial for a variety of different audience's and we welcome anyone who would like to attend.

- Parent Partner Program is actively recruiting for both clients and future mentors.
  - Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, & Taylor county
  - Ph: 402-670-6147
- Lydia Brumfield – MATURA Outreach Center Bedford (report submitted)
  - LIHEAP will be starting before long and I will be sending out letters to the Automatic Eligible Household, by the end of the month. Anyone 60 or older, or disabled my start applying in October, all other HH may start applying in November. This year all applications will need to be done out of the MATURA office in Bedford. Lenox Neighborhood Center will no longer be taking applications. Also there are changes in the food pantry. HH are eligible to visit the pantry once every 60 days, unless prior approval by the director. Also beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>. Clients may receive Crisis assistance only once in 12 months, no exceptions.
- Jodi Haley – ZION Prevention Services (report submitted)
  - ZION Prevention Dept is available to collaborate on events or if resources are needed. We are busy working on the newly released RFA block grant...our areas will change a bit and we might be adding staff to accommodate additional counties that are included in the service area. HIPS presentations are increasing and keeping us busy...as well as implementing substance abuse prevention curriculum in the upcoming school year.

Lenox Wellness Fair:

Date- Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

Time- 9:00 am to 11:00 am (set up anytime from 8-9 am)

Location- Independence Center, 207 N Main St, Lenox, IA 50851

What- Vendors set up to promote health, wellness and community resources

Contact- Kayla Woods, 641-333-2221

**Next scheduled meetings are: October 24, 2018 noon in the Taylor County Courthouse basement.**