



Local Interagency Council 16
Date: February 13th, 2019
Location: Center for Prevention of Abuse

Minutes

I. Participants:

Donna Ashley/TWHS	Jim Runyon/Easterseals
Kelsey Sepich/Crittenton Center	Erika Ivory/Neighborhood House
Natalie Williamson/PCCHD	Kim Glow/BF
Jamara Pearson/ROE	Mindi Thierer/Rogy's
Erin Nowlan/HRA	Rachael Casino/AFA
Donelle Hughes/PCCEO	Joni Lyons/SFS-HOI
Maureen Whalen/WCSEA	Erica Strunk/CFC

II. Minutes from January 9th - Motion to approve: 1st - Mindi 2nd - Rachael. Minutes approved

III. **Spotlight:** Joni Lyons, Safe From the Start (SFS) and Center for Prevention of Abuse (CFPA). Joni passed out brochures for both. SFS works collaboratively to help children that have been exposed to violence. This exposure can range from being a victim of abuse, neglect, or maltreatment, witnessing domestic violence, and witnessing or direct victim of community, school, or media violence. They serve children in Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties, ages 0-5 years, but make exception depending on the need. CFPA has many programs including adult protective services, victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault. On April 13th they are have a walk, "I Walk For Survivors". Contact Joni for more information.

IV. **Committee Work/Budget:** Budget was discussed. Michelle and Erica had previous discussion about holding an event for providers of Early Intervention. This event would include renting out a facility, having an area for kids to play, allowing families to visit with the EI providers, in order to "get a look at what EI would be like at home". In order to make it a successful event, radio advertising was suggested. Also suggested was an area to do developmental screenings. Maureen offered staff to help with this. Also discussed is having more than one event in different counties. It was motioned by Kim to spend \$2000 and 2nd by Kelsey for this event(s) and radio ads. All approved.

V. Jim Runyon, State of the State:

- A. Jim shared the Heart of Illinois 211 cards with council. He also suggested agencies get on their website to make sure their info is up to date.
- B. Jim shared the 2nd quarterly report information for CFC 14. The year to date from FY19 2nd quarter is only down by 20 referrals from 2nd quarter of FY18, which was biggest year ever for referrals. Referral sources were also shared. Jim also shared CFC 14's performance sheet. He explained the that the goals are self-imposed, and that CFC 14 is doing fairly well at this time.
- C. Jim informed council of 3 bills in the State Senate at this time. The first one is State Bill 155. This directly impacts EI. It will allow any child to automatically qualify for EI that test positive for lead by a blood test. The second bill is Senate Bill 1316 (HB2191). This bill will increase the pay for EI providers by 3%, and 6% for developmental therapist. Last is Senate Bill 1. This is the attempt to increase the minimum wage to 15.00 an hour, 13.00 for teenagers, by the 2025. The governor is pushing for this to pass. This impacts social service and many other grant funded programs that hire people for more than minimum wage. State needs to increase these grants to help the wage compression that this would cause to employees already making 15-17 an hour.



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VI. Michelle Harr/CFC Manager's Report:

Michelle had to leave unexpectedly, so Erica reported:

- A. Down 2 Service Coordinator positions- for Peoria floater position & Metamora SC position
- B. CFC monitoring visit is next week.
- C. Stats- Jim reviewed
- D. Trainings
 - 1. Case reviews 4th Tuesday at 10am at CFC. Next case review will be Tuesday, February 26th. Epilepsy is the next topic EI credits are provided. (This was rescheduled due to inclement weather last month). Case reviews are shifting to a more diagnosis driven training. Each month a different diagnosis will be presented and then Service Coordinators will discuss children currently in the EI program with that diagnosis.

Program Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Area Events:

1. Legislative "Happening" Hour is Friday, February 22nd @ the Field House Bar and Grill (Campus Town) from 4:30 - 6:30pm. The cost is 12.00, please contact Joni for payment info.
2. Parent 2 Parent special needs support group meeting is Monday, March 4th @ Easterseals from 6:00 - 7:00pm. Please contact Erica if you have families planning on attending.
3. March Madness Experience Special Needs Fair is March 12, @ Peoria Civic Center from 5:00-8:00pm.

Next LIC meeting March 13th, 2019
Location: ROE48 PFA- St. Paul
114 W. Forrest Hill Ave., Peoria, 61604
Time: 12pm-1:00pm (approx.)

LIC 16 Mission Statement:

The Local Interagency Council is a collaborative group of local providers, public agencies and families who work together to support the Early Childhood community through Public Awareness activities, Child Find and Transitions into local school districts. The LIC will strive to strengthen communities, empower families and advocate for the development of children ages birth to 5.