



## Local Interagency Council 16

Date: March 9th, 2016

Location: The Center for the Prevention of Abuse

### Minutes

#### I. Participants:

Marsha Streicher, CFC/LIC	Gary Reed/CFC #14, Program Manager
Jamie Capitelli/Crittenton Centers	Bonnie Cohrs/DSCC
Joni Lyons/HOI/SFS	Erin Stout/Bright Futures
Tina Lazarz/TMCSEA	Katie Van Cleve/parent/HISRA director
Marianne House/PCCHD	Roslyn Heffner/South Side Mission
Mary Peterson/PCCEO	Michelle Harr/CFC#14 lead Service Coordinator
Tracey Arahood/Easter Seals	Erica Strunk/CFC #14 parent liaison
Jim Runyon/Easter Seals	Denise Bradford/Maxim Healthcare Services
Evelyn Denning/PCCEO	

#### II. Minutes from Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>- Motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup>-Jamie Capitelli

2<sup>nd</sup>-Michelle Harr Minutes approved

III. Spotlight-Katie Van Cleve, director of Heart of Illinois, Special Recreation Association HISRA is an organization that is made up of 4 area Park Districts, Peoria, Chillicothe, Washington and Morton. They serve people with special needs, from age 2-through adulthood. Summer Camps are available through all 4 park districts, and some are also held at the HISRA location on Pioneer Parkway. Right now they are focused on the March Madness Special Needs Fair, which is held on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Peoria Civic Center. This is a free day for anyone with disabilities including their families and friends. The resource fair starts at 5pm, and is open until 8pm, with over 80 organizations participating in the fair. Not all the booths are Special Needs focused, some are area businesses that are supportive of working with special needs families.

#### IV. Committee Work:

Public Awareness/Child Find was focused on during last month's LIC meeting. Marianne H. and Tracey A. were successful at encouraging two new people to attend the meeting. Roslyn Heffner from the South Side Mission and Denise Bradford from Maxin Health care. Marsha brought a list of current/active LIC members and contacted some members we haven't seen in awhile to see if they could attend meetings. The list was updated with some current information of who is still in the field. This month we discussed Transition ideas. We would like to hold an LIC meeting at Valeska Hinton to hear about their program changes and to include some of their staff in the LIC meeting. Marsha will contact Katie P., principal at Valeska to see if this will work. SEAPC, WCSEA, TMCSEA how do we fit into their transition processes? TPC's-what is the mandated school process? We also discussed collaborating more with the EC Forum, EC Network and AOK groups to focus on common goals. The Kindergarten Transitional Fair on April 23<sup>rd</sup> was discussed as a possible means to assist families with Transitions from the CFC into schools or into other area programs. We also discussed getting providers involved in the LIC to hear their point of view on topics. Gary mentioned possibility of rotating CFC staff (SC's) through LIC meetings so they hear some of the concerns/issues that are shared during LIC meetings.

#### V. LIC #16 monetary issues:

A. Current spending goals have been accomplished:

1. Cart-has been purchased & is in use
2. Radio Ads-re-use the last ad, which will air in late spring
3. Stand-up Banner was displayed to group & will be used at the Special Needs Fair on March 15<sup>th</sup>

B. Voted to spend money to provide treats at the Special Needs Fair. \$30 to purchase Fruit snacks. Tina L. made the motion, Tracey A. 2<sup>nd</sup> it, approved by the group.

C. Jim R cautioned the group that if planning a family activity, cost of liability insurance will have to be figured into program costs.



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VI. **LIC 16/Manager's Report/Gary Reed:**

- A. Gary Reed's last day with the CFC is March 18<sup>th</sup>. He will become Director of EI Monitoring for the State of Illinois. Michelle Harr will become the Interim Program Manager until a new manager is hired. Jim Runyon has posted the position on the Easter Seals website, and had 12 applicants by the end of the week. He will start interviewing candidates and hopes to have a new program manager in the position by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- B. Sheila Runyon will be Lead Service Coordinator.
- C. Marsha Streicher has resigned her position as LIC coordinator, which is effective March 31<sup>st</sup>. Erica Strunk will become the LIC coordinator as well as maintain her current position as Parent Liaison.
- D. 2 New service coordinators have been hired. Nathan Wager will work in the Henry/Stark area. Nathan, who is from Kewanee, will start his trainings on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Jessica Studin will be working in the Peoria, Tazewell areas. Sara is still out on Medical leave but hopes to return to work March 17th
- E. Referrals: Feb. 2016- 107,  
Feb. 2015-87/Total families supported at this time: 763
- F. CFC #14 has earned 5 incentives by meeting state expectations. Focus for the CFC will now be on efficiency, both from Service Coordinators and from Providers. CFC #14 is 5 out of 25 for Terminations after IFSP for Family reasons, and 1/25 for % of closures without referral to Special Education, 8/25 for children under the age of 1, 7/25 for transition meetings held with school districts in a timely manner.

VI. **Jim Runyon, State of the State:**

- A. Not much has changed in budget matters. Illinois is still in a standoff between Governor and the Speaker of the House.
- B. 93% of the budget is being paid by court orders. CFC's are paid through court orders and payments have been timely. Jim still has concerns the state may ask for a percentage of the EI budget back when they run out of money.
- C. Human Social Services are hurting as they do not have court ordered payments. Senior citizens are affected with many of the services, and assisted living programs facing closures.
- D. Likely the state will not have a 2016 budget, and may not even work on budget issues until after the elections in November.
- E. Upcoming: Early Childhood Advocacy Day, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Ounce of Prevention is providing a bus. Contact Erin Stout with names and T-shirt sizes by March 20<sup>th</sup> to register @ [estout@ph325.org](mailto:estout@ph325.org)

**Program Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Area Events:**

- a. Rosalyn Heffner from the South Side Mission spoke about her program and handed out flyers and brochures. The Mission works with women and children, up to age 17 but the majority of the children are 0-6. Families may come to the mission due to a housing crisis or intentional needs of service, such as release from a correctional center, or post-pre rehabilitation services. Residents must be pre-screened 24 hours before intake, and proof of identification is required. Call the Mission at 309-676-4604 or get more information from the website: [www.SouthSideMission.org](http://www.SouthSideMission.org).
- b. Denise Bradford spoke of her program, Maxin Health Care Services, which provides nursing services for children and families. They work in the homes, or in schools and also provide services at Easter Seals.
- c. Marianne House announced that PCCHealth Department has new flyers on Immunizations. Parents don't have to get their child's shots at the Health Department but can get information there on what shots are needed. The Health Department also has a Dental



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Clinic, which recommends seeing a dentist before 1 year of age. Children can get fluoride treatments at the Health Department.

- d. Crittenton has a new Parenting Class starting on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 10-12. Emphasis on Ages Birth to 6, refreshments provided. Childcare is available on request through Crisis Nursery. Enroll with Angela Sheets at 309-674-0105, ext. 213
- e. AOK will host a Compassion Fatigue retreat for parents in stressful situations on April 16<sup>th</sup> at The Encounter Church, 9-12 Contact: [jherzog@tchd.net](mailto:jherzog@tchd.net) or 309-925-5511.
- f. Joni Lyons announced the Safe from the Start will meet on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at The Center for the Prevention of Abuse, 720 Joan Ct, Peoria. 10-11:30am. Denise Conklin will speak on family law, what has changed and it can affect families we work with PFEC has scheduled their spring Community Resource Fair for May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- g. A spring PEP day (Peoria Educational Partners) on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 9-3 at ICC, East Peoria Campus. Credits will be available for attending.
- h. The next Home Visitors meeting will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 11am-1pm, at Tazewell Woodford Head Start. There will be a speaker from Tazewell Sheriff's office to speak on "orders of Protection", another speaker on how to relieve stress.

Next LIC meeting: **April 13th**

Location: TMCSEA, Pekin

Time: 12pm-1:30pm (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.