



Local Interagency Council 16
Date: April 11th, 2018
Location: Crittenton Centers

Minutes

I. Participants:

Tiera Hannah/BGC	Erica Ivory/Neighborhood House
Donna Ashley/Crittenton	Tracey Arahood/Easterseals
Joni Lyons/SFS	Michelle Compton/PCCHD
Jim Runyon/Easterseals	Nikki Cremeens/Crittenton
Gene Seaman/HRA	Katie Cobb/PSD 150
Erica Strunk/CFC	Michelle Harr via phone/CFC 14

- II. Minutes from February 14th - Motion to approve:** 1st- Jim
2nd Tiera Minutes approved

- III. Spotlight:** Donna Ashley, Crittenton Centers. Crittenton Centers is an organization that focuses on its Child Development Center, Crisis Nursery, and Family Services programs. They do diaper and formula giveaways once a month but can also help families in need. Through donor sponsorships, Crittenton has developed scholarships to help families have accelerated enrollment, so they do not have to wait for their child care funding to come through to begin services. Crittenton's Advocacy Services Center, largely supporting children in DCFS custody, intact families, and opportunities for general community families has moved to it's new location on Knoxville. Advocacy Center also provides free court mandated anger management classes for families.

IV. Committee Work/Budget:

Group discusses different Home Visiting programs in our area. Tiera shared Boys and Girls Club info, including info such as their food pantry, screenings, Families 2000, Parents as Teachers curriculum, how many children they currently have in their program. They will accept families outside of Peoria county when needed.

No one from Good Beginnings was able to attend, but program was mentioned. Also, the iGrow/coordinated intake program.

V. Jim Runyon, State of the State:

- A. Jim is part of the Central Illinois Transition Planning Committee. The Committee's focus is helping people with disabilities transition from secondary education into adulthood. Additional information can be found at www.citransition.org.
- B. EI is continuing to be paid through a court order. At this point, CFC's and providers have been paid 6 to 8 weeks out.
- C. Both CFC 14 and CFC 16's grants are up for rebid. Due to GATA, the grants will have to be rebid at least every 3 years. All of Early Intervention internal operations from the 25 CFC's, Clearing House, EI training, Monitoring, and Credentialing are up for rebid at this point. Easterseals is still intending to rebid the grant, but they are still waiting on the request for proposal (RFP). The RFPs are later than expected.
- D. House Bill 5347 would greatly impact Early Intervention if it becomes law. This bill would allow parents of children in Early Intervention to continue services through the age of 5 or till starting kindergarten.
- E. House Bill 5070 proposes to provides that "health care professional" includes dentists, occupational therapists, pharmacists, physical therapists, clinical social workers, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and hearing instrument dispensers (rather than any clinician licensed to provided medical services under Illinois law) via Telehealth.
- F. House Bill 4289 is a bill that could help children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Medicaid receive Autism specific services. Currently, only children can receive the additional services if they have private insurance, leaving a gap for children in need of services. This Bill number is



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expected to change as changes are being made. For more information on these House Bills, visit, www.ilga.gov.

- G. Central Illinois Autism Association (CIAA) is a non profit organization that supplies mini grants to individuals, families, school districts, and others who work with people with autism. They will donate up to \$500.00 for request that people apply for. For more info, visit www.autismpeoria.com.
- IV. **Michelle Harr/CFC Manager's Report:**
- A. Michelle joined via phone. CFC 14 is fully staffed. Michelle is still helping at CFC 16, so please call her cell if needed help.
 - B. CFC 14 is doing great with their monthly stats. Services delays are down to 7%, average days from referral to IFSP are 23.85 days, and average age at intake is down to 590 days.
 - C. CFC 14 has their site audit May 8th and 9th. Monitoring is pulling 34 files to audit. Staff will be available during audit to help with any questions.
 - D. Case reviews for the next two months have been cancelled. In their place are two trainings that are open to our community partners. Please contact Michelle for additional questions/registration.
 1. How to Successfully Work with an Interpreter. Presented by Evelyn Denny with Shine Therapy Services. Friday, May 4th at Hyvee on Sheridan @ 12pm- 2pm.
 2. Autism Training. Learn how to identify "red flag" indicators. Training will be at the CFC office, 3000 W. Rohmann Ave, West Peoria, on May 22nd, @ 9:30am to 12pm.

Program Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Area Events:

1. Central Illinois Autism Association is holding their annual Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser on Tuesday, April 17 from 3-8pm at the East Peoria location. Ten percent of each bill will be donated to CIAA.
2. Children's Health and Awareness Resource Fair is Tuesday, May 1st at Tazewell Woodford Head Start @ 5:30pm. LIC has provided many door prizes! Please share the attached flyer with families.
3. Peoria District 150's Project SCREEN will be conducting mass screenings. Call (309)672-6720 for more info. Kindergarten roundup is April 21st from 10am -1pm @ the Peoria Zoo.

Next LIC meeting May 9th, 2018
Location: SAL Child Care Connections/HCCN
3425 N. Dries Ln., Peoria 61604
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.