

Local Interagency Council 45 Minutes from October 9^{th.,} 2018 @ 9 am Location: BHS ROE, Atkinson, Il.

I. <u>Participants:</u>

Nicole Enderle/BHSROE Jennifer Walton/BHSROE Deena Brants/Lyle PreK Brittany Lewis/Abilities Plus Janelle Trapkus/HHH Michelle Harr/CFC Jennifer Chapman/BHSROE Alexi Strandberg/BHSROE Hermelinda Quezada/BHSROE Diana Lopez/BHSROE Courtney Mighell/HHH Erica Strunk/CFC

II. Minutes from August 14th, 2018

Motion to approve: Brittany

2nd - Nichole; Minutes approved

III. Spot Light: Prevention Initiative

- A. Jennifer Chapman, BHSROE. Provide free Early Childhood home visiting for prenatal mothers and children birth to 3 years. Their goal is to increase knowledge of early childhood development, improve parenting practices, provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, and increase school readiness and success. They provide two monthly home visits, provide group and family activities, and provide resources. Due to grant restrictions, they must have 90 children enrolled by November 1st. They currently have 77.
- B. Brittany Lewis, Abilities Plus, Tips Program. Provide free Early Childhood home visits up to the age of 3 in Henry, Stark, and western Bureau counties. Like BHSROE program, they also provide developmental screenings, regular home visits, group activities, and resources. At this time, they are in need of enrolling roughly 40 more children to help maintain funding.
- IV. <u>Jim Runyon/State of the State:</u> Jim was unable to be in attendance today. Michelle shared Jim's news that Easterseals has been given the grant for the remaining of FY19, with possibility for extensions for FY20 and FY21. We still need one more person to be on the review committee.

v. **Budget and Goals:**

A. Due to the remaining of FY19, LIC 45 has 2,212.00 to spend by June 30th, 2019. Council discussed holiday party. Motioned by Nicole, 2nd by Brittany, council approved to spend up to 1,500 on a camera with printer, backdrop, snacks, drinks, tableware, Santa, stockings and stuffers, books, toys, and wrapping paper. Holiday party date is tentatively set for December 14th, in hopes that Janean can secure the same location in the past. Once location and date are set, will check to see if Jana can secure Santa. Brittany will contact Happy Joe's for pizza donation. Erica, Brittany,



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and Jen will shop for toys. Each agency will be responsible to wrapping children's gifts. If location is secure, council members will meet at 9am on December 14th to decorate and prepare.

B. In hopes of growing council, suggestions were made for community partners to reach out to and invite to meetings. Some examples were Braveheart, story times at local libraries, Geneseo Community Center, among others.

VI. Manager's Report/Provider Information (Michelle Harr):

- A. CFC 14 is down 2 service coordinator positions. New service coordinator has been hired for Henry/Stark counties. Once her temporary credential has been issued, an announcement will be made. Anticipating to start October 22nd.
- B. CFC office will be closed on November 22nd and 23rd.
- C. CFC is continuing to do well with monthly stats. Only 1 area in "red", staffing levels. Service delays are down to 3.38%, Intake to IFSP down to 21 days (state allows 45), and average age at Initial IFSP is down to 544 days.
- D. Case reviews are the 4th Tuesday every month at 10am. EI credits are available, and usually transferrable to other CE hours. Please call, text, or email Michelle if you are interested in attending. Michelle will gladly use Skype if that is preferred over traveling to the CFC.

VII. Program Updates/Announcements:

- A. Bureau county MOPS meeting is Tuesday, October 16th @ Evangelical Covenant Church in Princeton, IL at 5:30 to 8pm. Small fee to cover child care cost.
- B. Central Illinois Autism Association (CIAA) will hold annual Autism 5K and Walk, Saturday, October 20th at Laura Bradley Park in Peoria. Visit www.autismpeoria.com for more info and to register.

***Next LIC #45 meeting date: Holiday party December 14th (tentatively), official meeting February 12th, 2019.

Purpose/Mission Statement of LIC #45

The Henry/Stark Counties Local Interagency Council functions within the Child and Family Connections (CFC) and its purpose is to promote a comprehensive, coordinated local early intervention service system to meet the developmental needs of children birth to 5 years of age and the needs of their families.

It is the council's belief that early intervention services in Henry and Stark Counties should be designed to fulfill this purpose by accepting, supporting and empowering young children and their families to become active participants in all facets of early intervention service delivery. This mission also includes the need to inform and educate the community about the availability of services and enhance public awareness regarding issues relevant to children with special needs.