



Local Interagency Council 45
Minutes from
November 14th, 2014 @ 8:30am
Location: Abilities Plus, Kewanee, Il.

I. Participants:

Renee Ketelsen/UIC-SCC	Marsha Streicher/CFC-LIC-c
Kelly Walters, Lyle PreK, ROE #229	Lori Doyle, Abilities Plus
Karen Cooley, Abilities Plus	Janean Friedman, Wethersfield Elem/Principal
Amy Jackson/CFC	DeAnn Piotrowski, Abilities Plus
Andrea Zimmerman/Abilities Plus	Karen Rogula/Lyle PreK, ROE #229

II. Minutes from Sept. 12th :

motion to approve: Kelly Walters
2nd: Renee Ketelsen- Minutes approved

III. Spotlight: Lori Doyle, Abilities Plus

Lori's job at Abilities Plus is a twofold position. She works part-time as a parent educator with the Prevention Initiative Program and part-time as a Developmental Therapist for Early Intervention. She covers 3 different areas through her work, Henry, Star, and western Bureau counties. Lori has a playgroup 1x/month for 2 hours. She also provides direct services to the families involved. As of January 15th, Abilities Plus will be offering almost all Natural Environment services to their families. Lori also told us of the upcoming Open House at Abilities Plus on Sunday, Dec. 7th, from 1-3 pm. There will be raffle tickets for specialty items, individual vendor items for sale, and orders are currently being taken for 24" evergreen wreaths, which are available for \$15, with proceeds going to Abilities Plus.

IV. EI/PI Christmas Party plans:

- The party will be held on Friday, Dec. 12th at the Zion Lutheran Church in Kewanee, 10am-12 noon. Amy handed out a timesheet/party plan, which listed the activities, the items needed, and which person or agency would provide the necessary items.
- LIC #45 voted to spend up to \$100 dollars on craft items, Ziploc bags and drinks for the party. Amy made the motion to, Janean 2nd the motion and it passed the group.
- Happy Joes is providing the food, we discussed purchasing some applesauce for the children too young to eat pizza/pasta.
- Renee volunteered to bring clean, empty, not used water bottles for one of the crafts.
- We discussed asking for gluten free pizza's from Happy Joes and to cut down the number of pizza's provided, as many of the children attending are too young to eat pizza.
- Marsha will provide a developmental screening sign-up sheet for those families with younger children, not yet in a program.
- The complete list of items needed are available from Marsha or Amy, if anyone needs more information.

V. LIC #45 By-Laws review

- The current bylaws were developed in 1999. The group decided it wasn't necessary to re-write all the bylaws, just make a few changes to update.
- Marsha will make the updates to the bylaws and send out new copies before the January 13th meeting.
- The agenda for January 13th will include a vote to accept the updated bylaws.

VI. LIC #45/Manager's Report

- Referrals: October 2013 - 115 (all 5 counties)
- Referrals: October 2014-115 (all 5 counties)
- Total # of participants involved in EI/CFC #14- 2013/717 2014/694



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- Review/Grievance committee met in late October via phone conference. There were no written grievances at that time. The committee also reviewed referral numbers, where did they come from and who did they go out to.
- Daycares throughout the 5 county region were contacted during the summer months for free developmental screenings. CFC is starting to hear back from some of those daycares, including one in Kewanee. Daycares that are participating in Excelerate Il. need to have screenings on file to participate in that program.
- Natural Environment is continuing to progress. Tazewell County will go all Nat. Environment after the first of January. Henry and Stark will complete the 5 county cycle to go all Nat. Environment in the later spring.
- Case reviews will be opened up to Providers after the first of the year.

VII. Additional Group Discussion:

1. Information for doctors:

- Kelly Walters reported that local doctor offices are calling the Lyle Preschool program about getting speech referrals. They don't seem to know that free developmental evaluations are available through the CFC/LIC.
- The group discussed putting informational bags together to distribute to medical offices in the Henry/Stark area, which would include CFC/LIC information, developmental milestones, and informational brochures from the various programs that work with young children in the area.
- Additional discussion centered on having someone attend a medical meeting, maybe a nurses update, to talk to them about reviewing developmental milestones, and not waiting to ask for a referral on a child.
- Items to be included in the January agenda will be extending this discussion on assembling bags for doctors, where to take the bags, who to target with this information,
- Any agency or individual service provider with a public awareness brochure should bring it to the January meeting for inclusion.
- LIC#45 feels strongly that assembling these bags would be a good way to spend some of the budget targeted to #45

2. Memorandum of Agreements:

- A question was asked about getting new MOA's for LIC #45 in January.
- Marsha will look up the form for the agreements and send it out ahead of the January meeting for those people who need their supervisor to sign the agreement for the LIC.
- MOA's will be included in the January agenda.

VIII. Program Updates/Announcements:

- Lori Doyle announced the TIPS program has openings. If you know of a child in need, call Lori.

*****Next meeting date: January 13th, 2014 8:30-9:30 am @ Abilities Plus, Kewanee**