

Local Interagency Council 45 Minutes from March 13th, 2015 @ 12:00 pm Location: Abilities Plus, Kewanee, Il.

I. <u>Participants:</u>

Renee Ketelsen/UIC-SCC Karen Rogula/KCUD #229 Karen Cooley/Abilities Plus Amy Jackson/CFC Andrea Zimmerman/Abilities Plus Kelly Walters/KCUD #229 Janean Friedman/Wethersfield #230 Marsha Streicher/CFC-LIC-c Lori Doyle, Abilities Plus Kelly Lenz/CFC #14 & 16 DeAnn Piotrowski, Abilities Plus Gary Reed/CFC #14, Manager Jana Clancy/HSCSED

II. Minutes from Jan. 20th

Motion to approve: Amy Jackson 2nd – Jana Clancy, minutes approved

III. <u>Review Binders, inserts for distribution</u>

Binders were reviewed, additional information was added from current attendees. Binders were approved and given to members to distribute to Henry/Stark medical facilities. Discussion on how to keep the binders current by keeping a list to contact the facilities periodically to determine if new materials are needed.

IV. Discussion of spring activity for LIC #45/use of LIC money

- **a.** Music in the park? Picnic? Family Museum in Davenport?
- **b.** We settled on a 0-5 music oriented family program with an open house structure. It will probably be held at the Kewanee Grade School, maybe a combination of gym/cafeteria? Amy J. has music therapist's info and will forward that info to Marsha to contact. The date has not yet been determined, will depend on the music therapists schedule as well as the school's schedule. If the music therapists are unavailable, or too expensive, we may use a school music teacher for songs and movement activities. We discussed a possible "make-n-take" activity, like a simple paper plate tambourine, but will also look into costs from ordering something from Oriental Trader, which would be a gift to take home.
- **c.** We voted to spend up to \$500 on this activity. Amy J. made the motion, Karen C. 2nd it, and was approved by attending members. Money can be spent on the music program, mileage, the take home item, and flyers/advertisement. A snack was discussed, but thought to be unnecessary at this activity.

V. <u>Manager's Report/Provider Information (Gary Reed, CFC #14)</u>

- **a.** Gary passed on information from Jim Runyon on the proposed changes to EI in the FY2016 budget. That information will be included on the next page.
- **b.** End of Feb. the CFC was supporting 745 children throughout the 5 counties.
- **c.** Feb. referrals: 2014-80

2015-85, So far, March referral #'s have been down, no explanation for that at this time.

- **d.** Nat. Environments still going up, CFC is currently at 89%
- e. TPC's up to 93% occurring with the age range
- **f.** Discussion of combining evaluations/initial IFSP's to cut down on mileage costs in Henry/Stark

VI. <u>Program Updates/Announcements:</u>

- **a.** Heart of Ill. Assoc. for the Education of Young Children, Spring Conference 2015, April 17-18 @ Peoria Civic Center.
- **b.** EI Foundation Institute @ Advocates for Access, Peoria Heights. Look on EI training website for dates in April & May



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c. Adaptive Technology trainings "Easy Adaptations for Families" April 8th @ Advocates for Access in Peoria Heights

d. Screening Dates: Kewanee: March 25th evening, 26th-all day, 27th-all day, at the school Wethersfield: April 15th and 16th Annawan: not yet set Cambridge: Not yet known Geneseo: March 16th, 8-3, 17th-noon to 7pm, 18th- 8-3, at the school Galva: March 25th, all day, 27th ½ day, at the school Stark: April 8th -noon to 2:30, 9th- 2-2:30, Congo Church in Wyoming Colona and Orion Screenings already completed but will schedule again in August.

***Next meeting date: May 8th, 2015 8:30-9:30 am @ Abilities Plus, Kewanee

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.