

Local Interagency Council 45 Minutes from November 13th, 2015 @ 8:30 am Location: Abilities Plus, Kewanee, Il.

## I. <u>Participants:</u>

Renee Ketelsen/UIC-DSCC Lori Doyle/Abilities Plus Andrea Zimmerman/Abilities Plus Jana Clancy/HSCSED Janean Friedman/Wethersfield #230 Kelly Walters/KCUD#229 & ROE PreK Marsha Streicher/CFC-LIC-c Kelsey Noy/ROE, Parents as Teachers Gary Reed/CFC #14, Manager DeAnn Piotrowski/Abilities Plus Hermelinda Quezada/ROE, Parents as Teachers Amy Jackson/CFC

- II. <u>Minutes from September 11th</u> Motion to approve: Kelly W. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jana C. Minutes approved
- III. <u>Nominations for 2016 Chairperson & Recorder:</u> Jana Clancy will remain as Chairperson, Marsha Streicher will remain as Recorder
- IV. <u>Christmas Party, date is: Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ Zion Lutheran Church, 10am-Noon</u> Finalize Plans: <u>Santa?</u> Yes, Amy has contacted Georgette/Herb Rucker and we voted to donate \$50 for Santa services

**Food?** Yes, Happy Joes will donate pizza's, Marsha will bring cookies & juice, we voted to appropriate up to \$700 for party supplies, including Santa, craft supplies, paper products needed and additional gifts for siblings, if needed. The motion to allocate these funds was made by Janean F., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori D., and approved by all present

<u>Crafts?</u> Amy has ideas, not completely finalized at this time, Marsha will order play dough and cookie cutters as a child gift from Discount School Supply (online)

<u>Music?</u> Renee will lead with her guitar, CFC will donate rattles for children (already purchased at an earlier date)

**Invitations?** Yes, Marsha sent them out to EI/PI providers on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. They can print them off and distribute to their families as needed. Please let Marsha know response #'s by Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>

**Volunteers and EI/PI personnel:** should arrive at the church at 9am for set-up

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

**a.** Referrals: October 2015-84

October 2014-115 Gary shared the CFC is discussing referral procedures with area hospitals/doctors. All referrals should go to the CFC first, which is federally mandated and will save families money with free evaluations from Child and Family Connections, which can cost over \$700 when obtained from medical personnel.

- **b.** New Early Intervention Procedures manual have been released. A major change, which will take place Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> involves the use of sub-domains to qualify a child for EI. With the change, a child will have to qualify under the Domain, such as communication, rather than under the sub domain, such as expressive language. This means those scores will have to be averaged together to obtain the 30% delay to qualify. This pertains to all domains. There are 5 major Domains: Communication; Physical/Motor Skills (which includes hearing & vision), Adaptive Skills, Cognition, Personal & Social Skills. Therapists still have "clinical Opinion" to determine eligibility.
- c. Another change is that the CFC is not allowed to give IFSP time if the child does not qualify



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- **d.** Authorizations-there are some conditions that automatically qualify a child for EI, such as Down's syndrome. In those cases, we don't do additional assessments to qualify the child.
- **e.** The state has not been providing much information to Providers to educate them on the changes in the new manual. Gary is talking to the state to try and get a FACT Sheet out to provide additional information for providers.
- **f.** We discussed purchasing additional brochures for public awareness activities. The motion was made by Amy to use \$300 for more brochures, Jana 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it was approved by all attending.
- **g.** CFC is closed on Thanksgiving Day and on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The CFC is also closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Staff can take off 1 additional day during the holiday period.
- **h.** CFC #14 is now 13/25 in the state for the overall guidelines. National Environment is at 98%. 5 incentives were earned and no penalties incurred at this time.

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

- **a.** Preschool Collaboration Meeting is on 12-7, 8-10:15 @ Kewanee Administration Offices.
- **b.** Upcoming Autism training at the CFC office in Peoria. Details have not been finalized, but will be sometime in December. Marsha will send out details when they are completed.
- **c.** Abilities Plus Christmas Open House is Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm. Orders are now being taken for their handmade evergreen wreaths, proceeds go to benefit Abilities Plus. You can call their front desk to place an order.
- **d.** Pete and Splat the Cat family presentation will take place on November 19<sup>th</sup> in the Peterson Auditorium at Kewanee High School, 5-6pm.

# \*\*\*Next LIC #45 meeting date: January 8th, 2016 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.