



Local Interagency Council 45
Minutes from
March 11th, 2016 @ 8:30 am
Location: Abilities Plus, Kewanee, Il.

I. Participants:

Renee Ketelsen/UIC-DSCC	Marsha Streicher/CFC-LIC-c
Lori Doyle/Abilities Plus	Kelsey Noy/ROE, Parents as Teachers
Andrea Zimmerman/Abilities Plus	Hermelinda Quezada/ROE, PAT's
Jana Clancy/HSCSED	DeAnn Piotrowski/Abilities Plus
Janean Friedman/Wethersfield #230	Gary Reed/CFC
Karen Cooley/Abilities Plus	Brittany Lewis/Abilities Plus
Erica Strunk/CFC	Michelle Harr/CFC
Jennifer Spets/ROE	Jim Runyon/Easter Seals

II. Minutes from November 13th

Motion to approve: Karen C.
2nd - Janean F. Minutes approved

III. Spring Activity- The Bubble Man, May 10th, 4-5:30 The flyer was sent out to EI/PI members who will share with their families. Geoff Akins has been paid, but we still need to purchase Fruit Snacks, small bottles of water, paperback books and small bottles of bubbles to pass out to the EI/PI children who attend the event. Marsha will contact the Kewanee public children's librarian, who had mentioned she could help with advertising the event. We decided to plan for approx. 150 children. If that number looks like it will change due to RSVP returned, contact Erica @ estrunk@cicfc.org to let her know to increase quantities. The other request from the group was to email members of LIC 45 to let them know how much LIC money is remaining after making these purchases.

IV. Discuss LIC #45 Money/Budget LIC money that remains after the spring activity was requested to be spent on purchasing some OAE ear tips for hearing screenings and some books to share with parents as resources. This discussion will continue at the May meeting.

V. Manager's Report/Provider Information (Gary Reed)

- a. Referrals: Feb. 2015-87
Feb. 2016-107/Total families supported by CFC #14 - 763
- b. CFC statistics are great, 5 incentives are in line for the CFC.
- c. Natural Environment usage is up to 98%. Some children are seen in clinic due to medical conditions, but the authorization is capped to last 3 or 6 months so the case can be reviewed frequently.
- d. The CFC had "No Closures w/out a referral to Spec. Ed" in January. Rated #1 in the state!
- e. 9% of the CFC children supported are under the age of 1 year, which is also an incentive area.
- f. Nathan Wager, a Kewanee resident, has been hired as a Service Coordinator for Henry/Stark area. He started his trainings on March 14th and will be working with Henry/Stark families soon.
- g. Jessica Studin has also been hired as a new Service Coordinator. She will start trainings March 30th, and will be working in the Peoria/Tazewell area.
- h. Gary Reed's last day as CFC program manager is March 18th. Michelle Harr will function as Interim Program manager until a new manager is hired. Jim Runyon is accepting resumes from potential candidates until March 18th. The job requirements/applications is listed on the Easter Seals website.
- i. Marsha Streicher, LIC coordinator is resigning. Her last day with the CFC is March 31st. Erica Strunk, currently Parent Liaison, will assume LIC responsibilities April 1st, as well



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maintain her Parent Liaison position. A new office administrative assistant will be hired to replace Erica in the main office.

VI. Jim Runyon-State of the State

- a. Not much has changed. 93% of state services are being funded through court orders, which includes EI. The CFC and Providers are being paid in a timely fashion. Don't know how long this will last as eventually the state will run out of cash. Jim still has concerns that the state may ask for portions of budget money to be returned. Could be as high as 20%, but that has not yet been determined. Jim stated the budget crisis could very well last until after the November elections. Many senior citizen services are in desperate states and may be closing by the end of the month.
- b. Credentialing for providers is still problematic. Turn in any credential requests sooner, rather than later. Delays are running up to 180 days.
- c. A new on-line training program from The University of Illinois @ Chicago is being developed to assist Dr.'s, APN's and other medical personnel to recognize early signs/symptoms of Autism. These trainings will probably be available in 6-8 months and are focused on helping doctors become better educate, more competent and gain communication skills to assist families dealing with Autism. The LEND program is also involved. L-Leadership, E-Educate, N-Neurological, D-Disorders. This program is a training program which works across the state, providing funds to educate professionals about Autism.

VII. Program Updates/Announcements:

- a. The next Provider Meeting is on 4-12, at 9 am at Abilities Plus.
- b. The next Human Services meeting is on March 17th (always the 3rd Thursday of the month) at 12noon at the Blackhawks Community Education Center on 3rd St.
- c. Farmer Jason will be performing at the Kewanee H.S. Peterson Auditorium on April 19th at 6:00pm.
- d. Family Violence Prevention Community will meet the 1st Friday of every month, on April 4th, 12-1pm at P.L. Damrons restaurant.
- e. Geoff Akins, The Bubble Man, will be performing for EI/PI families on May 10th, 4-5:30 at the Kewanee Public Library
- f. Michelle Harr is going to discuss organizing an Autism training for the Henry/Stark providers. Malinda Radloff recently provided this training in Peoria at the CFC and Michelle will see if she can do this again.

*****Next LIC #45 meeting date: May 13th, 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.