



Local Interagency Council 45
Minutes from
May 8th, 2015 @ 12:00 pm
Location: Abilities Plus, Kewanee, Il.

I. Participants:

Kelsey Noy/PAT-ROE	Marsha Streicher/CFC-LIC-c
Karen Rogula/KCUD #229	Lori Doyle, Abilities Plus
Karen Cooley/Abilities Plus	Kelly Lenz/CFC #14 & 16
Hermelinda Quezada/PAT-ROE	DeAnn Piotrowski, Abilities Plus
Andrea Zimmerman/Abilities Plus	Gary Reed/CFC #14, Manager
Janean Friedman/Wethersfield #230	

II. Minutes from March 13th

Motion to approve: Andrea Zimmerman
2nd - Karen Rogula, minutes approved

III. Review Family Music Night

Family Music Night was well attended, approx. 200 people in all. Gwen Roseberg did an excellent job in leading the children in song and movements in the gym area. The maracas shakers were a big hit with the children as they departed. Next time LIC organizes an event such as this, we would like to see the parents involved in the activity instead of sitting in the bleachers. Better communication between the LIC coordinator, the school personnel and the music teacher could have resulted in an even better event. We would like to see handouts to share with the families to encourage more music and movement at home at ideas. Overall, the event was positive, and we spent approx.. \$230 to pay the music teacher and to purchase the maracas. Marsha will write a thank you to Gwen for her services.

IV. How Do We Want to Spend the Monies we have left?

- a. Karen R. suggested the LIC help support the fall/November activity of Lyle PreK, which is "Pete & Splat the Cat". Children from 0-3 will be included in this activity. LIC 45 will help with the costs of costumes. Motion to spend \$300 on this activity was made by Karen R. and was 2nd by Lori D. Motion passed.
- b. More CFC/LIC brochures are needed. The first batch was ordered in February and is almost gone at this time. We decided to split that cost with LIC 16 and the CFC office, with each area donating \$200 to order 2,000 brochures for the coming fiscal year. The motion was made by Janean F. and 2nd by Hermelinda Q., Motion passed.
- c. The binders that were assembled and distributed to medical facilities in Henry/Stark Co.'s have been successful in receiving more referrals. We discussed and decided to assemble another 16 binders for more distribution points. The decision was made to devote \$100 to purchase another 16 binders, the pocket dividers, a ream of paper and lamination expenses. Karen C. made the motion to make those purchases, Andrea Z. 2nd, the motion passed.
- d. Promotional items such as children's t-shirts, buttons, canvas bags and radio advertisements were discussed as a means of promoting goodwill in the Henry/Stark County areas as well as providing additional exposure for the LIC. Marsha will look on line and at my local distributors to determine costs and will email LIC members for purchase feedback. Motion was made to spend up to \$1,000 on these types of purchases by Karen C. and 2nd by Karen R. Motion passed.
- e. We also discussed the possibility of helping with the Farmer Jason concert, which is open to all ages, in the fall but decided to table that discussion for now as the schools and the grant programs are not sure what their finances will look like in the fall.

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

- a. Natural Environment %'s are up to 92.2 at the end of March. This is the first time in decades the CFC has not been penalized for low N.E. numbers. The TPC's percentages are also improving as the Service Coordinator continue to improve their talking points as to why a child should enter a 3-5 year school program when leaving Early Intervention. Another increase for the CFC has been a lowering of the age of children entering EI. The



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more young children, 0-1, that we can qualify for EI helps the overall CFC incentive program.

- b. End of March 2015, the CFC was supporting 758 children throughout the 5 counties.
- c. 4 new PT's are joining EI in the CFC #14 service area, by June 1st. 1 of those PT's may be available to help cover needs in the Henry/Stark areas.
- d. Gary shared the latest data from the report given to the Board of Directors at Easter Seals. The CFC has benchmarks that are set annually by the Easter Seals board and at this time CFC #14 meets or exceeds 10 out of 15 of those benchmarks.
- e. HFS (Health Family Services) has had a 16.75% reduction in payments to OT's, PT's, SLP's for May and June. This is part of Governor Rauner reducing the budget deficits.
- f. Gary suggested the LIC members discuss the changes in eligibility for EI with some of their current families. If a family is interested in advocating for the CFC, and what the Early Intervention program has meant to them and their families, Gary would like to from them and possibly share their stories with the media.

VI. **Program Updates/Announcements:**

- a. All screenings are complete at this time..
- b. Lyle has 30 openings for the fall, some in PreK some in ROE.
- c. Gary suggested all involved in EI Should refresh their Mandated Reporter skills. The CFC cannot turn in a second hand report, so those individuals visiting the homes should make reports to DCFS of their own concerns.
- d. Gary wants to schedule another Provider meeting in Henry/Stark. The LIC members suggested Tuesdays at noon. No date was set at this time.
- e. IMPACTINFO.ILLNOIS.GOV-There is a new process for enrollment! May 2015, providers will receive an application ID sent through postal mail. May 29th, Deadline, no new provider applications or Paper Updates (suspended until IMPACT comes online) June 24th, Deadline-no Electronic Updates (suspended until IMPACT comes online) July 2015, 2nd mailing of application ID's sent to Providers through postal mail, July, 2015 Billing Agents Enroll (Clearinghouses & Billing Services) August, 2015 Initial Enrollments Begin (New Medicaid Providers & Groups) Aug-Dec, 2015 Re-Validation Period for Currently Enrolled Providers (Facilities, Agencies and Organizations (FAO's) encouraged to revalidate early) 2016 Initial Enrollment for New Provider Types. Please check online at the IMPACTINFO.ILLINOIS.GOV website for more information, timelines and to monitor updates.

*****Next meeting date: July 10th, 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.