



Local Interagency Council 45
Minutes from
August 13^h, 2019 @ 9 am
Location: Abilities Plus, Kewanee

I. Participants:

Lori Doyle/ Abilities Plus	Jen Chapman/BHSROE
Jim Runyon/Easterseals	Jana Clancy/HSCSED
Levi Russell/Abilities Plus	DeAnn Piotrowski/Abilities Plus
Brittany Lewis/Abilities Plus	Erica Strunk/CFC

II. Minutes from April 9th, 2019

Motion to approved: 1st - Jana
2nd- Jen; Minutes approved

III. Budget and Goals:

- A. Budget: Jim discussed the new budget and how it was determined. FY20 budget for LIC 45 is 2,595.00, slightly less than previous year. Committee decided to have holiday party, without gifts. Budget for stockings, stuffers, Santa, crafts. Motioned by Lori, 2nd by Brittany to spend 800 for the cost of holiday event. After discussion and success from previous budget purchase, council decided most of the budget will be sent for diapers and child find.
- B. Review committee: Jim explained the purpose of the review committee and how participation is greatly needed. Since Easterseals is a provider of EI services, they must prove transparency and accountability for referrals. The review committee receives data quarterly, for incoming and outgoing referrals, where the referrals live, and where the referrals come from, along with CFC performance. Review committee can provide input, ask questions, and make suggestions to help improve system. The committee is also the end decision maker if grievances are made and were not able to be settled by manager first and then fiscal agent secondly. No grievances have made it to review committee in last six years. Jen and Jana volunteered to participate in the quarterly meeting via phone.
- C. Council discussed location of meetings, and ultimately decided to keep meetings at Abilities Plus as long as they are able to allow us.

IV. Jim Runyon/State of the State:

- A. Five open positions at CFC 14. Two SCs moved out of state, two resigned. Four of the five have been filled, but still in need of a Henry/Stark coordinator. Applicants need to live in that coverage area.
- B. State of the State:
 1. EI providers have been paid through July 10th, CFC's through May. As fiscal agent, they are happy to be operating with a budget. A rate increase for developmental therapist of 6% and 3% for all other providers. This rate increase is the first in 12 years.
 2. General Assembly has passed 600 bills, Governor signed 150 last week. Significant bills include:
 - a. The redetermination for Medicaid. There were 121,000 on waitlist, going without any health care due to wait list not being determined. List is now down to 95,000 and must be done by end of year.



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- b. Revamp the PUNS (Prioritization of Urgency of Needs for Services) list. All children with intellectual disabilities upon leaving EI are highly encouraged to get on the PUNS list. This list helps them move higher for services upon turning 18. As adults, those with disabilities are assigned to service coordinators; Jim provided list and map for Erica to distribute with minutes.
 - c. ABLÉ accounts are similar to college savings accounts for families of children with special needs. Families can deposit up to 14,000 per year and receive a tax cut for doing so. Guardians can now set up accounts, instead of just parents.
 - d. All Kids was reauthorized for another 5 years.
- C. Jim reviewed the CFC performance data and quarterly data. CFC 14 had 1,297 referrals in FY19, the highest ever. The quarterly sheets provided showed the incoming and outgoing referrals, where they live, and how the referrals were made. The CFC performance data shows the struggles CFC 14 has had staffing difficulties. Improvement in staffing and transition is needed. Great successes in performance include the Natural Environment numbers, 99.51%, which was 51% six years ago when Easterseals took over the grant, service delays, down to 2.63%, and intake to IFSP is 23 days. Overall, CFC 14 is doing quite well.

V. **Manager's Report/Provider Information (Michelle Harr):**

Michelle was unable to be in attendance today. Jim shared performance and staffing points she was going to cover. Erica shared her discussion agenda. Shared was the EI open house that will be in Peoria, and open registration for the Illinois Developmental therapy conference. Website is <https://illinoisdta.org/IDTA-Conference/>. Lastly, CFC 14 will be hosting a Systems Overview at the CFC office on Wednesday, October 16th for new hires. If anyone wants additional trainings, please discuss with Michelle. The EI training program is generally willing to do these at the CFC office.

VI. **Program Updates:**

1. Jana shared the difficulty of EI to ECE transitions that had either been missed or were late referrals. She has 22 kids to place by March 1st. She did add that Michelle had been very helpful in trying to help process.
2. BHS ROE has 2 new hires, and lost Nichole to a teaching position. They are still looking for families to enroll.
3. Abilities Plus Parents as Teachers are also looking for families for home visiting.
4. Jim shared about sheriff offices in Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties in conjunction with the Central Illinois Autism Association, have purchased trackers for children with autism that are runners and adults with dementia. Encouraged advocacy for Henry and Stark counties to participate as well.
5. Easterseals has created a new 501(c)3 for a fragmented care of children with autism, called the Autism Collective. They will hire 4 family navigators to help provide family navigation for children with autism that are birth to 14 by phone, text, and face to face meetings. It is set to launch in Peoria in October, and will continue to Tazewell, Woodford, and McClean counties. They plan to expand geographically before expanding age.



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**Next Meeting Date: October 8th @ 9am
At 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.