



Local Interagency Council 45
Minutes from
August 14th, 2018 @ 9 am
Location: Abilities Plus, Kewanee, IL.

I. **Participants:**

Lori Doyle/Abilities Plus	Jim Runyon/Easterseals
Jennifer Chapman/ROE	Jana Clancy/HSCSED
Karen Cooley/Abilities Plus	Brent Oest/CASA
Beckie Christensen/CASA	Michelle Harr/CFC
Erica Strunk/CFC	

II. **Minutes from April 10th, 2018**

Motion to approve: Lori
2nd - Jana; Minutes approved

III. **Spot Light:** Brent Oest and Beckie Christensen, CASA. “CASA” stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. A CASA advocated is a trained volunteer appointed by a judge to represent children in the foster care system. CASA volunteers gives an objective side for the best interest in the child they are service. A CASA only has one case at a time. CASA has recently expanded into the northern region of the state and are looking for volunteers. The training is generally 30 hours, with on-going training opportunities. They must meet with the child and family or caregivers in their natural settings. They write reports that are turned into the judge 3 weeks prior to the court date. CASA requires that a volunteer spend at least 5 hours a month on the case. If anyone is interested in becoming a CASA, please email casa@peoriacounty.org.

IV. **Jim Runyon/State of the State:**

- A. Jim reviewed the House Bills he had previously spoke about at the April meeting. House Bills 5347 and 4289 died in committees, but House Bill 5070, Telehealth passed. This will allow health care professionals to provided services via Telehealth. EI is not yet allowing this to happen for providers but may in the future.
- B. The state released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the remaining 9 months of FY19. Easterseals is bidding for CFC 14 and CFC 16. Geographically, the coverage areas will remain the same for all 25 CFCs. The number of LICs and their budgets will remain the same as well. The biggest difference is the change in incentives (from 10 to 4) and penalties (from 4 to 2) the CFCs obtain. Jim is in the process of writing the rebid that is due by August 24th.
- C. Jim reviewed the data and fourth quarter reports for CFC 14 for FY18. There were more active children in FY18 than ever before. Over all CFC 14 has done very well with stats. CFC still struggles with getting children below 600 days, but did finish the year with an average of 597 days. Struggles have also been completing transition to special education and service delays (but on getting much better). Service delays are going down, and CFC has stayed strong at providing services in natural environments and completing intake to IFSPs.



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- D. Jim is a member of the Illinois Autism Task Force. They represent adults, teens, youth, and children on the autism spectrum to help improve services for them and their families. Anyone with questions or looking to be on their information sheet for services, please contact Jim.
- V. **Budget and Goals:** Due to the 3-month extension, LIC 45 has to spend the total budget of 740.00 by September 30th. After much discussion, Jana motioned to combine the total budget with LIC 16 to help purchase items that will go towards Child Find and Provider Recruitment. These items include table top signs, projector, extra bulb, and Mac cord, tent and tent weights, spinning wheel, and cart. Jen 2nd motion, budget approved. Jen volunteered to chair LIC 45. Still need two people for review committee.
- VI. **Manager's Report/Provider Information (Michelle Harr):**
- A. CFC 14 has a new Henry/Stark service coordinator. Paula Henderson will start Monday, August 20th.
 - B. CFC 14 will be closed Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day.
 - C. Case reviews are the 4th Tuesday every month at 10am. EI credits are available, and usually transferrable to other CE hours. Please call, text, or email Michelle if you are interested in attending. Michelle will gladly use Skype if that is preferred over traveling to the CFC.
- VII. **Program Updates/Announcements:**
- A. Karen Cooley leaving Abilities Plus. She will be an aide at Williamsfield School. We would like to thank her for all of her service over the many years she was in EI and part of the LIC.
 - B. State funding has been granted to many of the PI/PAT programs, but not yet received. Regional Office of Education of Bureau, Henry, and Stark counties will continue to operate, but the TIPS program at Abilities Plus is on hold until funds are received.

*****Next LIC #45 meeting date: October 9th at 9am @ Regional Office of Education of Bureau, Henry, and Stark counties (107 S. State St., Atkinson, IL 61235).**

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.