

Local Interagency Council 16 Date: December 10th, 2014 @ Noon Location: Advocates for Access

Minutes

I. <u>Participants:</u>

Marsha Streicher, CFC/LIC JoEllen Skolek/El Paso Unit #11 Erin Stout/Bright Futures Marlene Cook/PCCEO, EHS Stephanie McGinnis/Advoc. for Access Jamie Capitelli/Crittenton Centers Julie Herzog/AOK, TCHD Kelly Lenz/CFC Bonnie Cohrs/DSCC Kathy Humpreys/SAL/CCC Gary Reed/CFC Marianne House/PCCHD Gene Seaman/HRA

II. Minutes from November 12th

1st motion: Kathy H. 2nd motion: Gene S. Minutes approved.

III. <u>2015 LIC Membership Agreements:</u>

Agreements were passed out for 2015. Members not in attendance will get their membership forms through the email. Please return those to Marsha as soon as possible, through email, or fax to the CFC office at 309-681-0190.

IV. Discussion of LIC 16 By-laws:

Marsha couldn't find by-laws from LIC 16, so adapted the by-laws from LIC 45 to fit the 16 circumstances. The adapted version was passed out to the attending members and some corrections will be made, then the corrected version of the by-laws will be sent by email to LIC members to read, add any other revisions they think are necessary, and then we will vote as a group at the January 14th meeting to accept/enact the new version of the by-laws.

V. LIC 16/Manager's Report/Gary Reed

- **a.** Gary said thank you to the group that assisted with the Holiday EI/PI party and reported it was a success. He had a couple of phone calls from parents who were pleased with the party, overall.
- **b.** CFC #14 is no longer last on the Natural Environment scorecard. WE have moved up to 24/25, and our percentages have moved up to 82.3%. Gary gives credit to the area providers to be willing to make the changes necessary in the way their services are delivered, and to the CFC service coordinators who have been on the front line making sure children are receiving their services in a natural environment to them.
- **c.** January 1st Tazewell County will go all Natural Environment, and probably Feb. 1st the Henry & Stark Counties will also go all Natural Environment.
- d. Referral numbers for November were: 2013-75

2014-92

715 total cases @ end of Nov. 2013

714 total cases @ end of Nov. 2014

- **e.** The CFC will focus on TPC's to get those numbers up to meet state criteria. The goal is to at 95% by Christmas break, which Gary feels is an attainable goal.
- **f.** Gary also reported the LIC agenda's and minutes will be posted on the CFC website, which can be found at cicfc.org



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VI. <u>Committee Work and Discussions:</u>

- **a.** Provider Recruitment committee- continued discussion on making up a welcome packet for new providers. Erin suggested we list all known new providers in the LIC minutes and Gary agreed we could do that so their names would be posted on the website. Marsha suggested talking to the students at ICC, who have not yet decided a career path but may be interested in working with young children. Marsha has also had a conversation with Melanie Fleming for ICC to host a LIC meeting and invite the students interested in Early Intervention to our meeting.
- b. Public Awareness-Kelly asked how the development of the new brochure is coming, and Marsha reported a meeting with Laura S from Easter Seals scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 11th. The committee also discussed a consistent stream of messages from the LIC be posted on Facebook, and a new app that helps keep that active. We spoke of recruiting an LIC member to be in charge of the Facebook page so if anyone is interested in helping out with keeping Facebook up to date please let Marsha know.
- **c.** Parent Involvement-Marianne suggested we use the CFC staff to survey parents to find out the best way to get information out to them, and what information are they most interested in receiving. The committee also suggested having a parent meeting at the CFC with speakers to discuss topics parents are interested in, and possible having a parent attend the LIC meeting and then reporting those topics back to the parent meeting.
- **d.** Transition-still working on a transition brochure that will easily let parents know what steps are to be taken. Also discussed putting blanks in the brochure which can be filled out to individualize the information for the family.

VII. <u>Program Announcements/Updates</u>

- **a.** Gary Reed announced upcoming trainings at the CFC for Early Intervention. There will be a 4 day training in May & June, with more specific information to come at a later date.
- **b.** Stephanie McGinnis announced an upcoming event for January 26th, where an attorney will be coming to Advocates for Access to discuss financial planning for families of children with disabilities. There will be a flyer from Stephanie that will give more specific information on that activity.

Next LIC meeting: To Be Determined: an email will be sent to all LIC members with the information when it is settled.

Date: January 14th, 2015 Time: 12pm-1:30pm (approx.)

LIC 16 Mission Statement:

The Local Interagency Council is a collaborative group of local providers, public agencies and families who work together to support the Early Childhood community through Public Awareness activities, Child Find and Transitions into local school districts. The LIC will strive to strengthen communities, empower families and advocate for the development of children ages birth to 5.