



Local Interagency Council 16  
Date: February 11th, 2015 @ Noon  
Location: The Neighborhood House

## Minutes

### **I. Participants:**

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| Marsha Streicher, CFC/LIC          | Chelsi Engelken/SAL-CCC              |
| JoEllen Skolek/El Paso Unit #11    | Courtney Butler/PSD #150             |
| Kathy Humpreys/SAL/CCC             | Kiki DuPree/parent                   |
| Amber Ealey/TMCSEA                 | Erin Stout/Peoria Co. Bright Futures |
| Tracey Arahood/Easter Seals        | Julie Herzog/TCHD/AOK                |
| Jamie Capitelli/Crittenton Centers | Kari Jackson/Neighborhood House      |
| Joni Lyons/HOI-SFS                 | Lisa Kerr-Bisbee/Neighborhood House  |
| Marianne House/PCCHD               |                                      |

### **II. Minutes from January 14th**

1<sup>st</sup> motion: Kathy H.

2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Julie H.

Minutes approved.

### **III. Spotlight from The Neighborhood House, Kari Jackson & Lisa Kerr-Bisbee**

Kari is the Director of Child Care and Youth Services at the Neighborhood House. The facility is licensed for children 6 weeks up to 12 years of age. There are 7 classrooms, and are open throughout the year. They currently have openings in all levels. The programs can accept children from DCFS, Childcare Connections and private pay. They will have a summer camp for children ages 5-12 and can accept up to 40 children. Lisa is the Outreach Director for the Neighborhood House. There are many, and varied programs that offer services to the community, such as Meals on Wheels, Zumba, Line Dancing, a Tutoring program for adolescents, Santa for Seniors, a Toy Shop for low income families, a Coats for Kids program, Food Pantry 2x/month, and an Emergency Baby Pantry for families needing supplies. March 19<sup>th</sup> the Neighborhood House is sponsoring a Fundraiser, called Food Fight, where Chefs will compete. The Neighborhood House is also asking that families who participated in activities in the past, such as through the 70-80's, stop in and see if they can identify any faces from old photographs. This is a project in conjunction with the Peoria Historical Society. The Neighborhood House is on Facebook, and requested the LIC members check it out and "like" them as additional support!

### **IV. LIC 16/Manager's Report/Gary Reed-unable to attend/report given by M. Streicher**

- a. DeLayne Deiss was hired as a new Service Coordinator, and started her training on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. She will be covering Peoria area Rt. 116 from Farmington into the city of Peoria, zip code area 61604. Ehrica Reakentenwalt will be transitioned to cover East Peoria, Morton and Washington.
- b. December Natural Environment numbers were at 87.6%. However switching to Natural Environment has increased the delay list for children waiting for services, particularly in the Physical Therapy area. The CFC is increasing the use of DT's to cover the PT wait list. There are currently 24 children waiting for on-going physical therapy.
- c. Referral numbers for January were: 2014-99  
2015-123  
Through Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>-2014- 26  
Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>-2015-42
- d. TPC (Transition Planning Conference) completion percentage for Dec was 88.1%. State statistics for TPC's is 74%
- e. CFC #14 is focusing on getting children into the EI program at a younger age. The average age currently is at 20 months, and that needs to drop down to 15 months. Part of the effort will involve encouraging physicians to make referrals earlier, rather than taking the "wait and see" attitude.



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### V. Committee Work and Discussions:

- a. Provider Recruitment committee-only one member of this committee was in attendance so joined the Child Find/Public Awareness committee for the day.
- b. Public Awareness/Child Find committee- discussed contacting food pantries, DHS offices, WIC/Health Department offices and supplying them with developmental information that can be shared with families that regularly visit those places. We could develop a ½ sheet of paper that can easily be included with boxes of food that are distributed through the food pantries. Start with the largest area pantries and work down the list to the smaller pantries
- c. Parent Involvement-had several talking points: 1. Developmental of invitational flier that could be given to parents at intake meetings. 2 Educate service coordinators to help by discussing the LIC with parents. 3. Utilizing a parent to help educate families and help them navigate EI. 4. Invite the parents to an LIC meeting and provide one sheet page of LIC intentions. 5. Give parents a calendar with LIC dates on it, and Service Coordinators could add meetings and appointments, such as when the TPC is scheduled. 6. LIC become more interactive and educational for parents on topics that interest them.
- d. Transition-will talk to Gary about adding transitional information (a general overview) to the back of the TPC letter that is sent out to all families. Leave space available for SC's to add what district/program that family would need to know about. Also looked at a parent survey to hand out at the TPC for parents to respond what they need to know or what was helpful

### VI. Program Announcements/Updates

- a. PEP day on Feb. 2/20/2015, which will feature a morning session on "Happiness Advantage" which will help relieve stress and provide motivation and a PM session on "Dot, the Story Teller" who will provide some fun and enjoyment and teach you how to make reading a story to students fun! Both sessions are free, and will be held at the Riverfront Museum.
- b. Jamie Capitelli announced a new free Potty Training group at Crittenton Centers, which will feature a professional program as well as personal observations and will be open to a child of any age that needs help using the toilet. 10 children will be accepted in this group, which will be on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 1-3pm at the Crittenton Center, and is open to anyone in the community.
- c. Dunlap Special Needs Fair, will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Peoria Civic Center, in conjunction with March Madness.
- d. Legislative Breakfast, sponsored by the Early Childhood Forum, will be on March 6<sup>th</sup> @Barrack's Cater Inn, Peoria, \$12 per person. Register through Tazewell Woodford Head Start.
- e. Mental Health Forum, Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> @ Bradley University
- f. AOK-"From the Ground Up", Strategies for Growing Successful Early Childhood Collaboratives, In Springfield on March 5<sup>th</sup> or Joliet, on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Register @ <http://www.fromthegroundupapril.eventzilla.net>
- g. Tazewell Co. Health Dept.-Safe Sleep: Preventing Infant Deaths, March 31<sup>st</sup> @ Embassy Suites, East Peoria. Mail registration (50\$) to Tazewell Co. Health Dept, Attn: Beth, 21306 Il Rt.9, Tremont Il., 61568
- h. Heart of Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children, Spring Conference 2015, April 17-18<sup>th</sup>@ Peoria Civic Center, register @<http://PlayinPeoria2015.eventbee.com/event?eid=176922313>

Next LIC meeting: Tazewell Mason County Special Educ. Assoc.

Date: March 11th

Time: 12pm-1:30pm (approx.)



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### **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.