



Local Interagency Council 16
Date: June 10th, 2015 @ Noon

Location: The Center for the Prevention of Abuse/HOI, Safe from the Start

Minutes

I. Participants:

Marsha Streicher, CFC/LIC	Bonnie Cohrs/DSCC
Erin Stout/Peoria Co. Bright Futures	JoEllen Skolek/Unit #11
Marianne House/PCCHD	Jim Runyon/Easter Seals
Tracey Arahood/Easter Seals	Gary Reed/CFC #14
Joni Lyons/HOI-SFS	Gene Seaman/HRA
Kelly Lenz/CFC	Cara Murdock/SAL-CCC
Mary Petersen/PCCEO	

II. Minutes from April 8th

1st motion: Jim R.

2nd motion: JoEllen S.

Minutes approved.

III. FonDuLac Farm Park Update:

As of 6-10, 35 children and 24 adults have RSVP'd from the CFC. Bright Futures has 26 rsvp's, 2 Providers have also RSVP'd for a total of 89. Marsha may receive more reservations from the EC Forum meeting on Thursday. The CFC will pay \$2.00 per person and will make juice boxes, a small snack for the children and bottled water available for adults. Reservations are due by Friday, June 12th!

IV. Update on Baby Palooza:

- a. Baby Palooza was held on Sat., May 30th at the Peoria Heights Public Library. 10-2p.
- b. K. Short, librarian, reported that she had 128 people sign in, but a few more people may have entered without the sign in.
- c. Evaluations were returned with positive feedback manner.
- d. A common comment is that families were disappointed the library was closed, especially the children sections. Maybe next year, the event can be scheduled during open library times.
- e. The majority of people attending were very interested in the materials/information that was provided and enjoyed the A. Cook sing & sign story time.
- f. 4 families signed up for developmental screenings.

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

- a. Typically, referrals have dropped around May and June.
- b. Referrals: April 2014: 92 referrals
725 total families supported
April 2015: 101 referrals
776 total families supported
May 2014: 94 referrals
712 total families supported
May 2015: 87 referrals
787 total families supported
- c. Gary's goal is to have a 1,000 total families supported by end of 2015.
- d. The CFC is working to decrease the age of children coming into EI. The medical binders developed by the LIC will help medical personnel realize the importance of getting the children referred earlier in their development.
- e. Staff update: Kensi R. is on maternity leave, mom and baby are doing well!
- f. Gary reported an Autism In-service will take place on June 30th at the CFC office, *:30 am, with Dr. Patterson, MaryBeth and Tina.



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- g. Bonnie Cohrs from DSCC gave an in-service to the CFC staff at the May staff meeting, which was interesting and informative on the services provided by Dept. of Specialized Care for Children. Gary encourages other agencies to contact him if they have information that could be shared with the CFC staff to broaden the knowledge and available of services.
- h. Jim R. discussed Transition Planning Council, which is another group of people who focus on helping disabled adults transition from educational programs to adult assistance programs. At that meeting, Jim received information from Elise Hearne, who is the Lakeview Branch librarian. The library has received a grant many to assist with community needs, such as autism programs or children with developmental disabilities. Jim recommended the LIC reach out to Ms. Hearne to discuss options that may be available to incorporate local libraries into LIC planning initiatives that can help the community.
- i. Jim also reported on some of the changes to the Medicaid programs that affect EI families and Providers. The 3 options that families deal with for insurance needs are: Molina, Meridian and Health Alliance. These insurance groups feel that families need to be educated on how to best utilize the insurance programs. Sometime in July or August, there will be a meeting with MCO's, HFS and Human Service Providers to work through some of the issues such as how to better educate families and clarify billing issues with providers. Please Let Jim R. know if you are interested in being a part of this meeting and he will make sure you get an invitation.
- j. Jim then updated us on the state of the state. Unfortunately, the May 31st deadline to get a budget passed by a simple majority has passed. Now the budget will need a 3/5th vote to enact a new budget.
- k. July 1st is the next date, when state contracts expire. If there is no budget at that time, no state services will be available. The legislators can avoid the state government from shutting down by passing a temporary budget, which can be set up to last a couple of weeks, or a couple of months to give themselves time to work out the budget issues.
- l. Another option is that the Governor, and the Speaker may let the government shut down on July 1st (Wed) to make their point of "severity" of the issues. If this happens, it is likely there would be no state services until the following Monday, July 6th when the legislators convene again after the holiday weekend. Jim will keep all Easter Seals & CFC employees updated on this issue.
- m. The legislative brand did pass an EI budget, with a cut of 3.6%, but that piece of legislation has not made it to the governor's desk yet and no one knows if he will accept or veto that small of a cut

VI. **Committees: Strategic Planning for Aug.-Dec.**

- a. Committees presented work done earlier this year to familiarize everyone with work/thoughts that had been generated:
- b. Child Find & Public Awareness: new brochures were generated, focus on getting information out to medical personnel, discussions on how to get more general information out to the community, discussion on keeping the LIC Facebook page updated.
- c. Parent Participation: questions posed on why parents don't participate, ask SC's to give one or two names from their case load of parents most likely to be interested in participating, stipends/gift cards used to encourage attendance (those can only be used for travel expenses or child care. Discussion of having a separate meeting for parents with topics to discuss.
- d. Provider Recruitment: Gary had developed a welcome letter for new providers, Provider Bio page can also be sent to new Providers so their information is included in the Provider Binders.



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- e. **Transition:** Information shared from Peoria 150 and Pekin 108, general information to be included on the back of the TPC invitation to parents of what is actually discussed at a TPC.
- f. In general, LIC agreed to pursue the expenditures that had been voted on during the May meeting. Discussion ensued about the CFC's general financial state, which is in the red, due to penalties assessed by the state. LIC funds are separated from the CFC's funds, so Jim encouraged us to get our funds spent before June 30th. The LIC currently has approx. \$2,000 to spend and we had voted to purchase more brochures, more binders, a radio spot and possibly some promotional items if funds still exist after the above items are completed. This is as we had voted to allocate the funds at the May LIC meeting. The cost of the brochures and the radio spot will be split between LIC #16 and LIC #45.

VII. Program Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Area Events:

- a. Emergency Expo is schedule for June 17th at the Shoppes of Grand Prairie, 4-7pm.
- b. FonDuLac Farm Park day, Friday, June 19th 9-11am. RSVP's are due to Marsha at mstreicher@cicfc.org by Friday, June 12th!

Next LIC meeting: Wednesday, August 12th

Location: Easter Seals, 507 E. Armstrong Ave., Peoria

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.