



Local Interagency Council 16

Date: December 9th, 2015

Location: Easter Seals

Minutes

I. Participants:

Marsha Streicher, CFC/LIC

Katie Van Cleve/parent

Tracey Arahood/Easter Seals

Erin Stout/Bright Futures

Erica Strunk/CFC, Parent Liaison

Marianne House/PCCHD

Brandon Allen, PCCEO/EHS

Gary Reed/CFC #14, Program Manager

Jamie Capitelli/Crittenton Centers

Stephanie McGinnis/Advocates for Access

Gene Seaman/ Human Rights Authority

Tina Lazarz/TMCSEA

Jim Runyon/Easter Seals

Marta Ramos-Ford/PCCEO/EHS

II. Minutes from November 11th

1st motion: Marianne H.

2nd motion: Jamie C.

Minutes approved.

III. Christmas Activity:

Erin S. provided a fun Christmas game. She read a story about Mr. and Mrs. Wright, and each time the word right or left was mentioned in the story, a gift was passed to the left or right. Stephanie M. won the prize. She was in the "right" place at the "right" time and "left" with a nice gift! Thank you Erin for providing the game and the gift!

IV. Elections for next Chairperson/Recorder:

Tracey Arahood will be the next Chairperson

Katie Van Cleve will be the next Recorder -- Thank you to both ladies for agreeing to these positions!

V. Continue Discussion: Holiday Party for EI/PI families:

Holiday Party is scheduled for 4-5:30 on Tuesday, Dec. 15th at the Peoria Heights library. Marsha reported that supplies had been purchased. Books for the children were ordered and are at the library. Erin agreed to draw the "Pete the Cat" oversized pictures for the children to decorate with dot markers and to bring her digital camera and photo printer for the children to have a picture taken with Pete the Cat. That costume is made available through Peoria District #150. Gene, Marianne and Tracey volunteered to assist with the party!

VI. LIC 16/Manager's Report/Gary Reed:

A. Gary explained some of the changes in EI eligibility requirements that came out in the new EI manual. These requirements will force the service coordinators to take a more active role in the process, using their knowledge of the families needs and concerns to add to the therapists evaluations. The process should become more conversational and less dependent on the evaluation scores. This will also ensure the families are more integrated in the process of determining their child's eligibility. Katie asked for clarification on how the families will be more involved in the process of determining eligibility.

B. Referrals: Have gone back up since October: November 2015-102

November 2014-95

CFC#14 is now ranked 11th out of the 25 CFC's throughout the state. Our CFC has received no penalties in the last quarter and is now eligible for 4 incentives

C. An Autism training has been pushed back to January due to the SC's needing more time to adjust to the new eligibility requirements. Marsha will send out a notice when it is scheduled.

D. CFC #14 will be open between Christmas and New Year but will be closed on Christmas EVE & Christmas Day, New Year's Eve & New Year's Day. Staff can take off an additional day during the holiday period.

E. Caseloads for each SC is getting too large which could case the CFC to incur a penalty from the state. Gary is considering hiring a new Service Coordinator, but that may have to wait until the state budget is more settled.



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- F. Jim R. explained that now the state budget will probably not be resolved until spring. The hope is our operating budget will not be cut once the overall budget is resolved. Funds that have been promised may be rescinded when the state realizes they don't have the money to spend.
- G. Jim also expressed the hope that this budget standstill will not be repeated at the end of June 2016 but nothing is for sure. He explained the state representatives will want to be out campaigning because 2016 is an election year.

VII. Discussion of LIC funding:

Jim explained that the money the LIC is currently receiving may be cut in the spring when the state budget is resolved. He expressed the opinion that the LIC should spend what money we do have before the end of February. We discussed various options of purchasing more radio advertising, billboards, a moveable banner that can travel to public awareness events, or promotional items that can be handed out. No decision was made at this time but Marsha will do some cost exploring to share at the January meeting.

VIII. Program Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Area Events:

- a. CFC will institute "Lunch and Learn" monthly workshops. The first one will be on IFSP's and the new changes of eligibility. It will take place Dec. 23rd 11:00-1:00 at the CFC office on West Rohmann Ave.
- b. AOK will host a "Compassion Fatigue Retreat" January 22nd, 9-3 at Tazewell Woodford Head Start in East Peoria. This is Free but does require a RSVP by January 19th. Contact: jherzog@tchd.net or 309-925-5511. Lunch will be provided by Peoria Co. Bright Futures & SAL Child Care Connection. This is for anyone who works in social services and may be suffering from some work related burnout.
- c. LIC still has 3 meeting dates that need a host location: March 9th, May 11th, and June 8th. Please let Marsha know if you are able to host a meeting, 12-1:30 approx. Thank you!

Next LIC meeting: **January 13th**

Location: PCCEO/Early Head Start, address to be determined

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.