



Local Interagency Council 16

Date: April 13th, 2016

Location: Tazewell-Mason Counties Special Education Association

Minutes

I. Participants:

Erica Strunk, CFC14/LIC	Michelle Harr/CFC14, Program Manager
Tina Lazarz/TMCSEA	Stephanie McGinnis/Advocates For Access
Jamie Capitelli/Crittenton Centers	Julie Herzog/ AOK/TCHD
Marianne House/PCCHD	Gene Seaman/ HRA
Walter Wilkins/United Meth.Church	Lisa Ober/CHAIL
Tracey Arahood/Easter Seals	Jessica Studin/CFC 14/Service Coordinator
Jim Runyon/Easter Seals	Nathan Wager/CFC 14/Service Coordinator

II. Minutes from March 9th- Motion to approve: 1st-Jim Runyon 2nd-Julie Herzog Minutes approved

III. Spotlight-Tina Lazarz, Program Coordinator, Tazewell-Mason Counties Special Education Association is a decentralized co-op program providing specialized services for children three to 21 at 21 different school districts within the two counties. They provide help with Assistive Technology, Audiology, the Autism Team, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, as well as deaf and hard of hearing services, and vision services. They provide nursing, psychology, and social work. They have two early childhood classrooms located at Schramm School, as well as provide Extended School Year services for district schools' special needs students. Tina also shared information about the SNAP (www.cisnap.org) program. The program helps to equip students 3 to 21 with AT equipment, services, and education when other sources cannot help.

IV. Committee Work:

Transition was focused on during last month's LIC meeting. This month we discussed Provider Recruitment ideas. Some of the suggestions were to attend job fairs for colleges, along with sending informational letters to program directors at the area colleges. We also discussed reaching out to current EI agencies, inviting them to attend LIC meetings, and inquire what we could do to help in finding more providers. It was also recommended that the LIC send out letters to local SEAs and retiring school providers, inviting them to consider providing EI services during summer or part time.

V. LIC #16 monetary issues:

A. Current spending goals have been accomplished:

1. Cart-has been purchased & is in use
2. Radio Ads-re-use the last ad, which will air in late spring
3. Stand-up Banner was displayed to group & will be used at the Special Needs Fair on March 15th.
4. Fruit snacks used at Special Needs Fair in March.

B. Motion by Jamie C. to spend 750.00 for public awareness events. This includes a table cloth, trinkets for giveaways at events, and ink. Also motioned was 800.00 to spend on child find, including bags, items in bags, and paper materials. The motions were seconded by Julie H. We discussed having a spring event, and will be checking into prices for location.

VI. LIC 16/Manager's Report/Michelle Harr:

A. Michelle introduced the two newest service coordinators, Nathan Wager (covering Henry/Stark counties), and Jessica Studin (covering parts of Peoria and Tazewell counties).



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- B. The lead service coordinator position has been posted for the current service coordinators to apply for.
- C. Michelle is switching focus for transition for children in EI from the 2 years nine months to be completed by 2 years 6 months. She is also having service coordinators focus on completing the referral to intake process from 45 days to 30 days.
- D. CFC is requesting help from LIC members trained in ASQ procedures to help with screenings at local daycares, as the number of screenings are very high.

VI. Jim Runyon, State of the State:

- A. Jim is on a Transition Planning Council that met with members of VA. The veterans wanted to learn about other programs and services. The VA members said they would happily meet with other members of programs to learn how they could come together to help each other out.
- B. With 93% of human services getting paid by court order, a split is being created by those not getting paid.
- C. On April 12, the Governor met with 4 heads, still no resolve to being any closer to accomplishing a budget.
- D. Likely the state will not have a 2016 budget, and may not even work on budget issues until after the elections in November. Democrats have stated intents to not sign the education bill for upcoming fiscal year, which will hold up schools starting on time.
- E. Despite the budget crisis, CFC 14 is doing great, earning 5 incentives so far for FY16.
- F. Jim and Marianne H. both attended Child Advocacy Day on April 12th, stating there was a good turnout.

Program Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Area Events:

- a. Advocates for Access is hosting 2 trainings April (16th and 25th). They offer many events throughout the year as well and can be found on their website www.advocatesforaccess.com.
- b. Crittenton Centers has a monthly calendar offering community classes and events for families, parents, and children. You can call (309)674-0150 to inquire more and reserve your spot.
- c. The LEND program is looking for participants in central Illinois. The program is based out of the University of Illinois at Chicago. Both parents and professionals are encouraged to take part in the yearlong training focusing primarily on Autism. Jim R. is the local contact for central Illinois.

Next LIC meeting May 11th, 2016

Location: Advocates for Access, Peoria Heights

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.