



Local Interagency Council 16
Date: October 9th, 2019
Location: TMCSEA

Minutes

I. Participants:

Donna Ashley/TWHS	Gene Seaman/HRA
Cindy Fargher/Easterseals	Erin Nowlan/HRA
Dee Schierer/CH&A	Maddie Merritt/CH&A
Chris Heider/iGrow	Stephanie Clark/Family Connects
Joni Lyons/SFS-HOI	Emily Miller/Total Spectrum
Amber Ealey/TMCSEA	Rachael Casino/AFA
Marie Rothan/DSCC	Katie Cobb/PPD
Michelle Harr/CFC14	Erica Strunk/CFC14

II. Minutes from September 11th - Motion to approve: 1st- Chris 2nd-Rachael Minutes approved

III. **Spotlight:** Human Rights Authority, Gene Seaman, The Human Rights Authority (HRA) is the investigative branch of rights violations committed against people with disabilities. Complaints are investigated to determine whether a provider of services is following law, regulations, and its own policies and assure getting services in least restrictive environments. The HRA is different from other state agencies because the decisions are made by a board made up of volunteers from the community (opening, closing, going on investigations). They do not do abuse or neglect cases, only rights violations. Any person can make a complaint by any means. HRA will even initiate a complaint by hearsay. A report of findings is created after an investigation. If findings are substantiated, then a response must come from person/agency in which the complaint is given. If they have complied or create a resolution, it becomes public record. If the agency disagrees a resolution step is taken. If resolution is still not be made, a report of findings will be given to enforcement agency. Cooperation rate is usually 90-95%. HRA is always looking for community volunteers for their board. The application is online, or you can call Erin N. There are currently 3 provider spots, and 6 citizens spots.

Agency Update: TMCSEA, Amber Ealey. TMCSEA is a de-centralized educational co-op that provide specialized services in 21 different school districts in Tazewell and Mason counties. TMCSEA, provide services on an as needed basis, have different teams for specialized evaluations, provide OT and PT at all but 2 districts, provide transitions services at 14, ABA as need and requested, IEP facilitation, Autism, and have 3 nurses for medical IEP evals for variety of different needs. It is housed inside of Schramm Educational Center, which provides services to students from 3 to 21 years of age with significant medical needs or specialized programming.

IV. **Committee Work/Budget:** Erica shared personal info about needing to be on FMLA coming in November, therefore she will not be in attendance for the holiday party. Besides EI, usual attendees at the holiday party are from PI and HV programs, but no agencies were represented today to give feedback. Group decided to continue on with event plans, and Erica will reach out to those agencies to ask for help. Michelle will take the numbers of RSVPs from each agency, and Erica will send out the invitation for agencies, along with a sign-up sheet for organizing the event. It was motioned to up the funds for the event to 1,000 by Erin N., and seconded by Chris. The holiday party will be at Tazewell Woodford Head Start in East Peoria, on Wednesday, December 11th, 10-11:30am.



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V. Jim Runyon, State of the State:

Jim could not be in attendance today. He did want to remind those that are on the Review Committee that the quarterly meeting via phone will be Friday, October 25th at 10am. He will send call in info before meeting.

VI. Michelle Harr/CFC Manager's Report:

- A. CFC 14 is down 1 service coordinator position and one admin assistant position. People can apply at Indeed.com or at Easterseals.com/ci.
- B. Stats are steady, with a slight rise in service delays. Overall, CFC 14 is doing well with their numbers.

Program Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Area Events:

1. Easterseals has a new session of the Water Seals Group starting October 24th. This is a specialized swimming lessons for children 5-8 years of age with Autism. More information is available on the Easterseals website.
2. Children's Home and Aid out of Bloomington is providing Early Head Start in Tazewell and Woodford counties, and they are currently seeking families to enroll. Call or text (309)569-7821 or email agray@childrenshomeandaid.org for more info.

Next LIC meeting November 13th, 2019

Location: PCCHD

2116 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria

Time: 12pm-1:00pm (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.