



Local Interagency Council 16

Date: April 8th, 2015 @ Noon

Location: Heart of Illinois, Safe from the Start @ The Center for the Prevention of Abuse

Minutes

I. Participants:

Marsha Streicher, CFC/LIC
Erin Stout/Peoria Co. Bright Futures
Jamie Capitelli/Crittenton Center
Tracey Arahood/Easter Seals
Joni Lyons/HOI-SFS
Erica Strunk/CFC #14

Katie Powers/Valeska Hinton
Evelyn Denny/PCCEO, Early Head Start
Jim Runyon/Easter Seals
Gary Reed/CFC #14
Kelly Lenz/ CFC #14 & #16

II. Minutes from January 14th

1st motion: Jim R.

2nd motion: Joni L.

Minutes approved.

III. Spotlight from Joni Lyons, HOI/SFSTS

Joni shared brochures from Safe from the Start and discussed how referrals can be made by calling Joni directly, or by sending her an email or a fax and she will get a referral form started. She prefers that the parents know of this referral before she gives them a call. A referral can come through anyone, and the child may have experienced violence personally, or in a family situation, or as a community violent act. Therapists work with the children in a play therapy environment, not as traditional sit down counseling. Safe from the Start is a grant funded program, and is free to the families whose children attend sessions. Safe from the Start supports approx.. 50 children/families during a calendar year. They do have some temporary housing available, if the family is in need of a safe place to stay. They also have 1,2, and 3 bedroom apartments, but there is a waiting list to get in one of those apartments. Apartments don't necessarily go to the next name on the list, but to whoever has the most immediate need at that time. Joni has offered DVD's in English and Spanish for those who can use them. The DVD's are "The Clingy Thing" and "Inside Him".

IV. Progress Report on Binders for Medical Facilities

- a. There are currently 26 binders in process of completion. Completion is scheduled for the next LIC meeting. The Binders received many positive comments on the set up, style, etc.
- b. Tabs in the binders include: General Information, Referral pages for EI, 0-3 Programs in the 3 counties covered by LIC 16, 3-5 Programs in the same 3 counties, and Other Area Resources, which will include HRA, Safe from the Start, Health Dept. information, etc,
- c. Goal for the binders is to inform and educate on what services are available in the tri-county area, decrease the age of children receiving referrals and to increase overall referrals.
- d. Suggestions made to improve the binders: Give a binder to United Way/211 system for phone calls that come in, more binders available for LIC members and various agencies that can share the information with their clients, more binders for state Legislators at the April 28th Advocacy Day, with a note that the binders should be returned to their district offices, not kept in Springfield. Add tab for statistics,, such as what populations is being served, #'s of low income families, EI information, etc.

V. Jim Runyon, Easter Seals

- a. Jim reported that not much has changed as of right now for FY 2016 because there have been many distractions as Gov. Rauner is "sweeping" funding from other sources to fill the budget hole of FY 2015. 23 programs through DHS were cut on April 3rd, and some programs shut down immediately due to a lack of funds for the last quarter of this year. Other programs, such as some of Easter Seals autism programs may keep functioning at a lower level because Easter Seals has some not-state related funding sources.



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- b. There has been no word yet from DHS if there will be a change in eligibility for EI services from 30% to 50%, or if the children currently in EI would be grandfathered in, if the eligibility rate does change.
- c. FY 2016 Gov. Rauner is asking for a unilaterally 20% cut across the board, with no new funding added. The General Assembly does want to add some new funding (taxes) to lessen the effect of the budget cuts. This will be a compromised that will need to be reached between the Governor and the Legislators.
- d. Change.org has a EI petition on line to support EI programming, The Ounce of Prevention has good information on line, and there is another petition on Facebook/EI.
- e. The Ounce of Prevention is sponsoring a charter bus to take families, Providers, and other interested people down to Springfield on April 28th for Advocacy Day. You will receive a t-shirt to wear, information on how to approach the legislators and a free lunch, if you choose to participate.
- f. It's important for all concerned in EI, to not let this matter drop as the next few months go by. Continue to contact your legislators and Gov. Rauner to let them know we have not forgotten about the proposed changes.

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

- a. March 2014 had 104 referrals, March 2015 had 111 referrals. 2014 the CFC supported a total of 704 children/families, 2015 at this time the CFC is supporting 743 families. Gary hopes those numbers will increase to 800 by the end of the fiscal year, June 30th.
- b. Natural Environment is up to 91/%%. CFC #14 is still 23/25 on this issues. We have to get up to 99% to break into the top 12 CFC's in the state supporting Natural Environment services.
- c. TPC's up to 93% occurring within the age range, CFC 314 currently 9/25 in the state.
- d. Accelerate Illinois is encouraging daycares to have their students screened, which is adding to the increases in the total case load.
- e. Discussion of how to spend LIC money:
 - 1. Order more of the new brochures
 - 2. Postage for Fon-du-Lac Farm Park family Fun day flyers
 - 3. Admission for EI/PI children and their immediate family at the Farm Park
 - 4. Box lunches at the Farm Park
 - 5. Additional binders, Xerox paper and Xerox ink to continue the binder process
- f. Motion to spend money for the above items: 1st by Katie P, 2nd by Jamie C., motion approved, with no determined amount at this time, but to be less than \$2,000.
- g. Information to be gathered on how many families & children to plan for by various agencies that support the 0-3 group of children.
- h. Providers are to be invited to the Farm Park day to enjoy the children and meet some of the people that work with the same families.

VII. Committees: Group Discussion & Reports

Committee's will be meet again in the near future. The general consensus is that there are too many things going on this spring to add the extra responsibility of committee work.

VIII. Program Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Area Events:

- a. April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Hands around the Courthouse is Friday, April 17th at noon, Peoria Courthouse.
- b. AOK is sponsoring a Conscious Discipline workshop on April 18th at the East Peoria First United Methodist Church, from 9:30-12:30pm. There are currently 27 registered and there is room for more. No babysitting at this workshops. Contact Julie Herzog (309) 925-5511 Ext.266 or send an email to jherzog@tchd.net. The program is open to parents, grandparents and caregivers of children birth to 8 years of age. Dr. Diana Schroer will facilitate the event.



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- c. Heart of Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children, Spring Conference 2015, April 17-18th @ Peoria Civic Center, register@
<http://PlayinPeoria2015.eventbee.com/event?eid=176922313>
- d. Kindergarten Transition Fair, at the Hult Center, 9-2, on Saturday, April 25th
- e. Pekin Family Education Center, Community Fair, Tuesday, May 5th at the Center
- f. AOK shared Early Childhood Mental Health Awareness week is May 3-9th. AOK will be participating at the Pekin Family Education Center Community Fair. The Theme for the AOK booth will be "Stand Up and Soar: Every Child Deserves to Feel like a Superhero" They will be giving the children capes made from old adult sized T shirts and are accepting donations for those Tshirts. Batman will be available also at the AOK booth. Call Julie Herzog at (309) 925-5511 Ext266 or email her at jherzog@tchd.net if you can donate T shirts or help cut them into capes on April 22nd, 9-noon at the Tazewell Co. Health Department.
- g. Crittenton Center announced a Potty training workshop, April 15th, 5:30-7:30, which is open to the public, and they will provide childcare. Please call ahead to plan attendance.
- h. Emergency Expo at the Shoppes of Grand Prairie is scheduled for June 17th, 4-7pm on the parking lot of the mall.
- i. Child and Family Connections staff will attend a CFC conference in Palos Hills on May 7th.

Next LIC meeting: Wednesday, May 13th
Location: Illinois Central College, off of Rte. 24, towards Washington
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.