



Local Interagency Council 16

Date: May 13th, 2015 @ Noon

Location: Illinois Central College, East Peoria Campus

Minutes

I. Participants:

Marsha Streicher, CFC/LIC	Bonnie Cohrs/DSCC
Erin Stout/Peoria Co. Bright Futures	Evelyn Denny/PCCEO, Early Head Start
Jamie Capitelli/Crittenton Center	Jim Runyon/Easter Seals
Tracey Arahood/Easter Seals	Gary Reed/CFC #14
Joni Lyons/HOI-SFS	Gene Seaman/HRA
Erica Strunk/CFC #14	Melanie Fleming/ICC
Andrianna Smyrniotis/ICC	Barb Thomas/ICC
JoEllen Skolek/El Paso-Gridley	Kiki DuPree/parent

II. Minutes from April 8th

1st motion: Jim R.

2nd motion: Joni L.

Minutes approved.

III. Spotlight from Melanie Fleming, director of Child Care program at ICC

Melanie shared information about the Child Care program at ICC. They are currently revising their curriculum. Child Development is currently a Vocation Education degree in Applied Science. They are using some grants to work with four year universities to make the student transition smoother. There are currently approx. 115 students as Child Dev. Majors. On the other end of the spectrum, Melanie and her staff are also working with some area high schools to promote the Child Development programs available through ICC. High School students can start taking some classes their senior year to begin their college level work. ICC also houses child day care classrooms, which helps students with their own children and they accept children from the community. Those day cares are year round programs for 2-5 year old children. ICC will also host a summer camp for children 6-12, which starts June 1st.

IV. Progress Report on Binders for Medical Facilities

a. 26 Binders are completed. Gary R., Mary Beth A., Tina A., Marsha S., Kelly L. and possibly Erica S. will be delivering them to area medical facilities in the near future.

V. Complete Plans for FonDuLac Farm Park:

a. Date has been set for Friday, June 19th, 9-11am.

b. Families with children in Early Intervention and Prevention Initiative programs will be invited to attend as well as the Providers/Therapists who work with those children.

c. The LIC agreed to pay the \$2.00 admission fee per person for the immediate families of those programs. An RSVP will be required because our total number of attendees has to be capped at 500 people, which will cost the LIC \$1,000. The LIC will provide juice boxes and a small snack for the children attending.

d. At the last LIC meeting the group agreed to spend \$300 for printing costs and postage for the flyers. The flyers will be sent out by Monday, May 18th so they can be mailed out in a timely fashion.

e. To complete the fiscal year 2015, the LIC agreed to spend \$300 on more brochures and \$850 on radio advertising spots. For the brochures, Joni L. made the motion and Jamie C. 2nd the motion. It was passed by the group. For the radio advertising, Jamie C. made the motion and Evelyn D. 2nd the motion, it was passed by the group. Any monies left over after the farm park expenses are covered, will be used to purchase some promotional give-away products. These choices can be made by Marsha S. and Erin S. and sent by email to the LIC members for approval. Joni L. made the motion to give Marsha and Erin some latitude in those final decisions and Bonnie C. 2nd the motion. The group approved that motion.

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



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- a. Jim R. spoke first on the State of the State. Jim updated us on the FY2015 budget, which ends on June 30th. Jim reminded us that it is a “use it or lose it” situations, and that payments cannot be deferred to be used after June 30th.
- b. Some funding has been restored to DHS programs, such the Autism programs at Easter Seals.
- c. 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. The Ounce of Prevention will be supplying some postcards that Jim will distribute to LIC members. Those post cards can be used to advocate for the continuation of the %30 eligibility and not to cut funding to EI.
- d. FY 2016 is working through the governmental process now. It is likely the process will continue into June and may go longer.
- e. “Make the First Five Count” is a website where parents or caregivers can go to complete an online ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaire). This will then be scored by a national level program through Easter Seals. The results will be sent back to the local affiliate where someone can inform the family of the results. Referrals would then be sent to the CFC, if services are indicated.
- f. Gary R. spoke on the data for the CFC. Natural Environment is up to 92%, which is the first time in years that CFC #14 has not been penalized for being under 85%.
- g. Wait list #'s have improved. There was 10% of over 700 children on a wait list, or still receiving services in center. That number has dropped to 3%. There will not be any more children approved to receive in center therapy unless it is an extreme situation, such as a feeding situation, where medical attention may be needed.
- h. Referrals for April, 2015 - 100 April 2014 - 116
- i. One of the Service Coordinators, Kensi R. is going on maternity leave soon. She is scheduling TPC's and other meetings now for the time period she will be gone.

VII. Committees: Group Discussion & Reports

Committee work postponed. It will be a focus point for our June meeting to get back on track of committee work.

VIII. Program Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Area Events:

- a. Jamie C. announced Crittenton Centers is again scheduling a potty training workshop on June 6th 10a-12p. Please contact Jamie at Crittenton to RSVP so she can arrange childcare.
- b. Bright Futures is screening throughout the county in June to fill classes for next fall. They screen at every Peoria Co. district except #150.
- c. Family Safety Night, May 19th in East Peoria, at Spinder Park, 4:30-6:30
- d. Baby Palooza at the Peoria Heights library on Saturday, May 30th, 10:00am -2:00pm. Anyone can attend, it is not limited to Peoria Heights or library members. It will be appropriate for expectant families and/or children birth to 3. There will be a lot of area resources participating, a story time, Sign and Sing with Abbey Cook and door prizes!
- e. Emergency Expo at the Shoppes of Grand Prairie is scheduled for June 17th, 4-7pm on the parking lot of the mall.

Next LIC meeting: Wednesday, June 10th

Location: Thomas Jefferson School, 918 W. Florence 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.



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