



Local Interagency Council 16
Date: October 14th, 2015 @ Noon
Location: Peoria City County Health Department

Minutes

I. Participants:

Marsha Streicher, CFC/LIC	Jim Runyon/Easter Seals
Evelyn Denny/PCCEO	Cara Murdock/SAL-CCC
Marianne House, PCC/Health Dept.	Julie Herzog/TCHD/AOK
Tracey Arahood/Easter Seals	Gary Reed/CFC #14
Joni Lyons/HOI-SFS	JoEllen Skolek, Unit #11
Mary Peterson/PCCEO	

II. Minutes from September 9th

1st motion: Julie H.

2nd motion: Joni L.

Minutes approved.

III. "Spotlight" on PCCHD

Marianne explained that the health department had lost the grant for lead testing in the Peoria area, but it was recently reestablished and the program is being brought back up to speed. The health department was awarded \$3.2 million to mitigate Lead based paint and other health and safety hazards for residential programs located in these zip codes: 61603, 61604, 61605 and 61606. She passed out information explains who qualifies for this assistance. You may call the PCCHD at 309-679-6612 to ask for more information. Marianne also shared some PCCHD brochures that explain general services available through the health department. They have a website located at: www.pcchd.org for more information.

IV. Discussion: Holiday Party for EI/PI families:

The Holiday party will be held at the Peoria Heights Public Library on Tuesday, Dec. 15, probably 4-5:30 in the afternoon, but that time may vary as we get closer to the date. We are going to focus on "Pete the Cat", and read one of his stories, have a simple snack, and possibly sing some holiday related songs. District 150 has a Pete the Cat costume, which we will try to borrow for the event. We allocated \$350 to purchase books for the children and to pay for the snacks. This motion was made by Julie H. and 2nd by Evelyn D., and was approved by the group.

V. Jim Runyon, Update

- a. The good news is that EI is now being funded by a court mandate. The CFC has received payments back to the first of July. The bad news is that we don't know how long those funds will last. The state still does not have a budget, and there is no new revenue coming into the state coffers. The state will be \$8 billion dollars in debt by the end of 2015. There are some Human Services programs that are not yet receiving funding. Jim suggests advocacy for a responsible state budget is still a good idea.
- b. Jim explained how he determines the LIC budget. Some expenses are "fixed", which would provide for salary, mileage, etc. Other expenses are "fluid" such as supplies, copy paper, food, advertising, etc. The LIC can spend those monies and can share the money between different budget lines. LIC #16 has \$4,350. in fluid money.
- c. Easter Seals is promoting their "Make the First Five Count" program. This is an online AGES and Stages screening tool. Parents, caregivers, etc. can fill out the information on line, and it go to a national level of Easter Seals. The ASQ will be evaluated and the results sent back to the local Easter Seals. If a referral is indicated, Easter Seals will let the family know they should contact Child and Family Connections. This screening tool can be found on the CFC website, the Easter Seals website and the Tazewell County Health Depart website.

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

A. The CFC has a new, secure data sharing service call DataMotion. This service is HIPPA/FERPA approved and can be used by the service coordinators to send personal information out to providers and families. The information will be encrypted, and will send a note to the receiver



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to open the website that can decode the information. This will save the CFC thousands of dollars in postal fees as well as improve the overall efficiency of the CFC.

- B. Referrals: September 2014-104
September 2015-112 Total #'s of families supported at this time: 747
- C. The CFC received news from the EI bureau that they will receive 5 incentives this quarter for meeting state objectives, and no penalties
- D. The radio spots that the LIC helped purchased are now being aired on 101.1 and 98.5. One of the spots features a couple of parents who were supported by CFC services. The other spot is more informational on the services offered and how to contact the CFC. He had received 5 new referrals in the week the radio spots started to air.

VII. Committees: Group Discussion & Reports: We revisited our committee goals but did not meet in small groups due to a lack of time and a small turn-out of committee members.

- a. Transition Committee-update but not re-write the current flow chart to ensure it is appropriate and create a more detailed, local flow chart for local options. Include a simplified "Bill of Rights" for EI families.
- b. Provider Recruitment-Planning a spring provider social to thank the current providers and hopefully attract new providers to EI. We discussed the possibility of turning it into a community resource fair, possibly in the 61605 area to attract families in need of assistance.
- c. Public Awareness & Child Find- increasing requests from daycares and the Y in Pekin for screenings.
- d. Parent Group-parent café, pushed back to the spring to allow time for surveys and planning.

VIII. Program Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Area Events:

- a. Center for Prevention office in Pekin will close on October 23rd, due to the state budget impasse. Other budget cuts at the Peoria center will include no mileage reimbursement for staff or staff trainings.
- b. Easter Seals will host an Illinois Commission on Tuesday, October 20th. The Commission to Eliminate Poverty and Hunger, is at 12-1, and will hear from agencies, consumers, families clubs, and how these issues affect Peoria. They will also stop at the Neighborhood House and PCCEO. Jim also discussed a meeting he attended in Decatur to discuss Regional Hubs for the Governor's Office for Early Childhood Education. The meeting focused on finding a more efficient way to know about programs and resources that are available throughout the state. The state wants to create these Hubs to build/sustain collaborations.
- c. 9th Annual Autism Walk will occur on Sunday, October 25th at the Shoppes of Grand Prairie. The walk is sponsored by the Peoria Regional Chapter Autism Society of America. The walk will start at 2pm. More information and registration can be found on line at www.autismpeoria.com.
- d. Peoria Regional Chapter of the Autism Society of America is also sponsoring mini-grants. These mini-grants typically reach \$500, but may go higher if need is determined. They are used to purchase iPads for children, fencing for yards and/other needed items that a family may have difficulty purchasing on their own. Last year the society donated more than \$12,000 through the mini-grant program. Check out their website on how to apply for that grant.
- e. Home Visitors Network will meet on Thursday, October 22nd at TW Head Start, 11:30-1:00. LeAnne Daniels from the Center for Prevention of Abuse will speak on what home visitors may see/hear while in homes and what should be reported. RSVP to Marsha at mstreicher@cicfc.org if you plan to attend
- f. Discussion to move the next LIC meeting to November 18th, due to Veteran's Day on the 11th. However, the next meeting will be on the 11th with the understanding that some people will not be able to attend if their school/agency is closed.



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Next LIC meeting: **Wednesday, November 11th (Veteran's Day)**
Location: Child and Family Connections
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.