



Local Interagency Council 16
Date: November 11th, 2015 @ Noon
Location: Child and Family Connections

Minutes

I. Participants:

Marsha Streicher, CFC/LIC
Katie VanCleeve/parent
Tracey Arahood/Easter Seals
Joni Lyons/HOI-SFS

Gary Reed/CFC #14
JoEllen Skolek, Unit #11
Joni Lyons/HOI-SFS

II. Minutes from October 14th

1st motion: Joni L.

2nd motion: JoEllen S.

Minutes approved.

III. "Spotlight" on Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Gary discussed the services available through LSSI, which is the host building for the CFC. They are a social services program which focuses on adoption and preservation of families. They provide case management for foster care families. They maintain a food pantry, which is open 1 time a month or they will make deliveries to families. They also provide services to senior citizens. So far their programs have not been affected by the state budget impasse. Child and Family Connections works with a lot of children in foster care programs so it works well for the CFC to be housed within the LSSI building, with easy access to foster care managers when questions or situation arise. The CFC also provides free screenings to the children that receive LSSI services.

IV. Nominations for next Chairperson/Recorder: There have been a couple of names put forth for chairperson/recorder for next year. There is still time to send a nomination in to Marsha. I will include the nominations form again as an attachment, which you can email back to me before Dec. 7th. We will vote for those offices at the next LIC meeting.

V. Continue Discussion: Holiday Party for EI/PI families:

The Holiday party will be held at the Peoria Heights Public Library on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 4-5:30 in the afternoon, "Pete the Cat" is the theme, children attending the party will receive a Pete the Cat book, Pete will arrive (in costume borrowed from Dist. #150). The LIC will provide cookies and juice, Krissy Short, the children's librarian at the Peoria Heights library will read one of Pete's stories, and we will have dot markers to "decorate an enlargement of Pete's picture. Bright Futures will bring their digital camera and printers so families can have a photo of their child with Pete, and Anna Estabrook, developmental/music therapist, will lead the group in some age appropriate holiday songs. LIC #16 appropriated money at the last meeting to pay for supplies, paper goods and books. Volunteers to assist at the party will be greatly appreciated!!! I am including a volunteer sign up sheet for the party. Please email it back to me if you can help out on that day. (mstreicher@cicfc.org)

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

A. Referrals: October 2014-115

October 2015-84

B. The CFC received the new EI Procedural Manual. The biggest issue is the change of eligibility. Subdomains will no longer meet the requirements, they will have to be averaged with the entire domain. Ex.-Receptive/Expressive Language scores will have to be averaged together to qualify as a Communication delay. Overall delays remain at 30% Therapists still have the option of "Clinical Opinion" to qualify a child.

C. Child Care was voted on Nov. 10th, it failed to pass. It may come up again in January for another vote. At this time, there are no more budget discussions scheduled until January



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D. Committees: Group Discussion & Reports

Due to the low attendance rate (Veteran's Day) we did not meet as committees. We did discuss organizing an LIC/CFC/partnering agencies Community Resource fair, in the spring to promote public awareness and child find issues.

VII. Program Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Area Events:

- a. JoEllen S. announced an upcoming "Picasso Night", Thursday, Nov. 12th at the Jefferson Park School in El Paso. The Bright Beginnings and Bright Start programs are participating in a combined Christmas activity on Dec. 19th, also at Jefferson Park School, on Dec. 18th. They will have crafts, books and food
- b. Tracey A. announced that Easter Seals is sponsoring a Respite Night on Dec. 4th, 5:30-8:30pm. Call Nancy at the front desk to sign up. Timber Pointe Camp also has programs/respice camps. This information can be found on their website
- c. Katie V. announced that Heart of Illinois Special Education Recreation (HISRA) has Respite programs, which meet 2x/month, at Pioneer Park, 5-10pm, and siblings are welcome. These are always on a weekend night. The program costs \$30 but there are scholarships for eligible families. You can call 309-691-1929 to register
- d. Gary R. an upcoming training for Autism. It will be in December, but details are not yet finalized. Marsha will send out the details when they become available.
- e. LIC still has 3 meeting dates that need a host location: March 9th, May 11th, and June 8th. Please let Marsha know if you are able to host a meeting, 12-1:30 approx. Thank you!

Next LIC meeting: **Wednesday, December 9th**

Location: Easter Seals, 507 E. Armstrong, 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.