



Local Interagency Council 16
Date: March 14th, 2018
Location: TMCSEA

Minutes

I. Participants:

Tiara Hannah/BGC	Ericka Ivory/Neighborhood House
Donna Ashley/Crittenton	Julie Herzog/TCHD/AOK
Lacie Sherlock/HCCN	Kriss Simmons/DSCC
Jim Runyon/Easterseals	Barbara Hedrick/PCCEO
Alicia Stetler/PCCEO	Laura Kelley/PSD 150
Natalie Williamson/PCCHD	Tim Kennedy/TMCSEA
Erica Strunk/CFC	

- II. Minutes from February 14th - Motion to approve: 1st- Julie
2nd Barbara Minutes approved

III. Spotlight: Tim Kennedy, TMCSEA, principal of Schramm. TMCSEA is a co-op that is in 21 different school districts to provide comprehensive special education services and supports. Some of the different services include Assistive Technology, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, autism services, and behavioral services. TMCSEA also facilitates Schramm Educational Center to help meet needs of children who cannot be met by their home school districts. Schramm services children ages 3 through 21 years. Their goal for transition at 22 years old is to be as independent as possible, even providing job coaches as the child ages.

IV. Committee Work/Budget:

The council discussed the remaining budget of 1,167.00. Motioned to spend 167.00 for door prizes that are needed at different child find and public awareness events, and 1,000 on promotional giveaway items by Kriss, and 2nd by Laura. LIC 16 budget for FY18 is now spoken for.

V. Jim Runyon, State of the State:

- A. New CFC 16 manager has been hired, Chris Johnson. Michelle has been helping with Chris' transition from service coordinator to program manager and training. There is also a new office manager in CFC 16. CFC 16 has 3 service coordinator job openings. For any information on either CFC 14 or CFC 16, please visit www.cicfc.org.
- B. EI is continuing to be paid through a court order. At this point, CFC's and providers have been paid through the end of December. Because of the delay in payments to providers, this has made provider recruitment difficult.
- C. Both CFC 14 and CFC 16's grants are up for rebid. Due to GATA, the grants will have to be rebid at least every 3 years. All of Early Intervention internal operations from the CFC's, Clearing House, and EI training are up for rebid at this point. Easterseals is still intending to rebid the grant, but they are still waiting on the request for proposal (RFP).
- D. House Bill 5347 would greatly impact Early Intervention if it becomes law. This bill would allow parents of children in Early Intervention to continue services through the age of 5 or till starting kindergarten.
- E. House Bill 4289 is a bill that could help children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Medicaid receive Autism specific services. Currently, only children can receive the additional services if they have private insurance, leaving a gap for children in need of services. For more information on either House Bill, visit, www.ilga.gov.
- F. Next Tuesday, March 20th is the primary elections.



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VI. Michelle Harr/CFC Manager's Report:

Michelle could not be in attendance today. Referrals are still going strong. One service coordinator will return from maternity leave at the end of this month, and another will go on maternity leave in August. CFC 14 is fully staffed at this point.

Program Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Area Events:

1. Raising of America for Business and Community Leaders- is March 22nd @ Fodulac Bank (Clocktower) in East Peoria from 10am to 12:30pm. The focus is the importance of Early Childhood. Flyer attached to email. Please rsvp to sara@tchd.net
2. New Tazewell county WIC site has opened in the Pekin head start building.
3. The Learning Academy is a specialized private school for children with Autism and behavioral issues in Germantown Hills. It is currently full with 28 students, and 8 on a waiting list. Referrals must come from home school districts.

Next LIC meeting April 11th, 2018
Location: Crittenton Centers
442 W. John Gwynn Jr. Ave., Peoria, 61605
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.