



## Local Interagency Council 16

Date: June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Location: Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Education Center

### Minutes

#### I. Participants:

Erica Strunk, CFC14/LIC

Bonnie Cohrs/DSCC

Donna Ashley/Crittenton Centers

Katie Powers/PSD150

Holly Imhoff/Bright Futures

Tracey Arahood/Easter Seals

Jim Runyon/Easter Seals

Michelle Harr/CFC14, Program Manager

Stephanie McGinnis/Advocates For Access

Julie Herzog/ AOK/TCHD

Alexandra Ginzel/DSCC

Laura Kelly/PSD150

Joni Lyons/SFS

Carol Tiggelar/CHAIL

#### II. Minutes from May 11<sup>th</sup> - Motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup>-Julie H.

2<sup>nd</sup>-Joni L. Minutes approved

III. Spotlight-Katie Powers, principal, Valeska Hinton ECEC, offers year round school schedule. This school year was the last for Valeska to have Pre K through First grade. Next school year, the school will be all Pre K, and will be welcoming two PCCEO Early Head Start and three PCCEO Head Start classrooms to their building. They current have around 453 students, with 300 to 400 on a wait list. Children who are the most at risk are placed first, then offer openings to remaining listed children. They were able to place 150 recently from wait list into classrooms. Valeska current has 22 Pre K classrooms; six are special education and one deaf and hard of hearing, along with blended classes as well. Valeska has project SCREEN in place, offering free developmental screenings to help with child find.

#### IV. Committee Work:

Committees will remain working as a whole group for FY17. We discussed some of the accomplishments of committee work thus far. Most recently is the collaboration of LIC and the Network. The Network meetings will follow LIC meetings as the president of the Network schedules them. The LIC Facebook page is available for members to share flyers, announcements, and other relevant info. To have info posted, please contact LIC coordinator or Erin Stout. LIC members will begin new goals for FY17 in August.

#### V. LIC #16 Budget:

A. Current FY16 budget is finalized.

Since May meeting, materials (pens and totes) for Child Find and Public Awareness have been purchased. The ASQSE -2 kit has been purchased as well, and the training for community partners has been scheduled.

B. The spring event at the PeoriaPlay House Museum has been paid for, but food (snack/drink) will be purchased just before the event. Concerns for the number of attendees already RSVP'd and being able to provide enough food was brought forth. A motion to move funds allocated to Public Awareness of 100.00 to be transferred to the previous 200.00 for snacks/food for the event was approved, allowing a new total of 300.00.

#### VI. LIC 16/Manager's Report/Michelle Harr:

A. Michelle reported that the CFC has filled the final Service Coordinator position with the latest hire of Jennifer Kestel. The other two new service coordinators now have their temporary credentials, and are building their caseloads.

B. A local provider has hired three new speech pathologists, which will help considerably lower the current wait for on-going speech therapy.



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- C. CFC recently held a safety training for home visitors. Officer Amy Dodson from the Peoria Police Department is available at no cost to provide agencies with this training as well. Contact the PPD for more information.

**VI. Jim Runyon, State of the State:**

- A. CFC has had a contracted Social/Emotional Consultant with Easter Seals for last three years. This has come to an end, and CFC will now be hiring a new SE Consultant. Interested applicants can contact Michelle Harr for further job info. Must have a Master's Degree and extensive knowledge of child development.
- B. EI programs have been receiving pay from state through court orders, and receiving funds every 3 to 4 weeks. This will not change with new fiscal year until a budget is put into place.
- C. State is looking to change state grants into the GOTA format. GOTA grants will make the state grants follow the same guidelines as federal grants. As Easter Seals has held CFC 14 and CFC 16 grants for last three years, this new format may change how often the grants will have to be bid upon.
- D. No FY17 budget has been set by state. Democrats have not presented money for education, which may have a dramatic effect on schools come August. Many will not be able to open unless a bill is passed.
- E. A bill in the house of representatives, HB2038, if passed will give 45% of pay from FY16 to social services that have been a year without any pay.

**Program Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Area Events:**

- A. The LIC spring event is Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Peoria PlayHouse Museum from 4:30pm-7:30pm.
- B. Exploring ASQ-3 and ASQSE-2 training for developmental screenings is Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at Easter Seals @ 6pm.
- C. The LEND program is still looking for participants in central Illinois. The program is based out of the University of Illinois at Chicago. Both parents and professionals are encouraged to take part in the yearlong training focusing primarily on Autism. Jim R. is the local contact for central Illinois.

Next LIC meeting August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Location: Child and Family Connections  
3000 W. Rohmann Ave.  
West Peoria, IL 61604  
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.