



Champaign County Birth to 6 Council Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2010

Noon - 2pm

United Way of Champaign

404 W. Church Street, Champaign, IL 61820

Attendance

Lou Anne Burton (Child Care Resource Center), Mark Driscoll (CCMHB/CCDDB), Nicole Sikora (MHC), Felicia Gooler (DSC), Jennifer Sampson (Crisis Nursery), Jordan Levey (Crisis Nursery), Lynn Watson (Head Start), Teresa O'Connor (Developmental Therapist), Becky Kasten (Urbana Free Library), Betsy Shea (Champaign Public Library), Beverley Baker (UWCC), Mary Anne Wilson (MHC), Angela Reinhart (U of I Extension), Lisa Ellis (McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership), Sarah Kim (CFC #16), Kim Woolridge (LIC Coordinator)

Approval of Minutes

Copies of the June minutes were distributed. Nicole Sikora motioned to approve and Jennifer Sampson seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes as written.

Announcements

Parent Wonders has submitted a grant for funding and is waiting to hear back. They are still looking for space in Rantoul.

There are several community events coming up: The Best Interest of Children Back to School Event at the Vineyard Church the first or second Saturday in August. They will be giving away backpacks filled with school supplies. Head start will have mass screenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays - August 3rd & 5th and again on August 27th & 29th. Champaign County Down Syndrome Network will have their annual Buddy Walk on October 2nd at the Champaign County Fairgrounds. The annual Disability Expo will be on October 16th at Lincoln Square Mall. Read Across America will be on March 5, 2011 and Ready, Set, Grow will be on April 9th or 16th.

CFC Report and Updates

Kim Hile was on a retreat in Arizona with her Teen Mom Group and their children. Sarah Kim, Service Coordinator for Champaign County distributed the June Caseload Summary report. Champaign's referrals are up a little.

LIC Coordinator Update

Kim shared an email from Becci who has taken on some of Jessica Lofu's duties. There has been very poor reporting for Child Find from CFC#16. It was noticed that schools in Champaign and Vermilion County were

not reporting any of the numbers from screenings they were completing. This looked terrible in our state reports. A copy of the Child Find Screening Data Collection Form was given to everyone in attendance. We will need to remind the schools to send their screening results after each screening to the CFC in Danville.

Committee Reports

There were no updates from the Child Find, Provider Recruitment, or Website committees.

Literacy Committee: Beverley Baker shared that the Kindergarten Calendar will be ready around the middle of August.

Old Business

There was no update on the Spanish Interpreter as Kim Hile was in out of town.

Lisa Ellis distributed a report on her research on possible grant ideas for Birth to 6 Council. There are six funding possibilities that could be looked into for future funding; Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois, Community Foundation of East Central Illinois, Pepsi Refresh, Google Grants, Caterpillar Foundation, and Home Depot Building Healthy Communities Grant Program.

There was no presentation. The meeting moved into a planning session to discuss an annual project and to begin committee work for the upcoming year. Many ideas were discussed for each committee and also how to utilize each committee on our annual project of collaborating with the Champaign County Health Care Community.

A summary of each committee and ideas discussed is below. Summaries will be shared with Council members and all will be encouraged to choose at least one committee on which they will participate.

Public Awareness Committee

Co-Chairs: Nancy Gaumer & Angela Reinhart

Members: Lou Anne Burton, Beverley Baker, Teresa O'Connor, Jennifer Sampson, and Kim Woolridge.

Goal: Events, Brochures

1. Design a new brochure for Birth to 6 Council and Child and Family Connections #16 - Teresa will contact Kim Woolridge to get a copy of the old brochure and copies of several area councils/CFC's brochures.
2. Design a Birth to 6 Council Member Certificate for each organization to use to identify themselves as a member of Birth to 6 Council when at other community events. Lynn Watson offered to email the Birth to 6 Council Logo to everyone.

Website Committee

Co-Chairs: Kim Woolridge and Teresa O'Connor

Members: Mark Driscoll, Mary Anne Wilson, and Lynn Watson

Goal: Assist with maintaining website

1. Find solution to budget cuts: Merge with the other 5 counties in CFC #16 or locate a new host that does not charge or charges very little.
2. Update resource lists, events, calendar.
3. Review usage reports.
4. Reply to contact questions.

5. Post questions on Home page.
6. Post Literacy Committee booklists and Getting Ready for Kindergarten Calendar.

Literacy and School Readiness Committee

Co-Chairs: Betsy Shea and Becky Kasten

Members: Amanda Raklovits, Beverley Baker, and Kim Woolridge

Goal:

1. Produce annual Getting Ready for Kindergarten Calendar.
2. Maintain and provide booklist(s) to be posted on website.
3. Promote school readiness.
4. Develop Social/Emotional, Disabilities, Multi-Cultural Booklist(s).

Child Find and Transition Committee

Co-Chairs: Felicia Gooler and Brandi Granse

Members: Kim Woolridge

Goal:

1. Maintain/Update Transition Agreements - Brandi Granse has them.
2. Contact child care centers about holding screenings.
3. Contact schools about using Child Find Screening Data Collection Forms after each screening and turning form in to CFC#16.
4. Post screening posters in all child care centers, resource fairs, Doctor offices, etc.
5. Hold presentations to staff at doctor's offices.
6. Update Desk Guide for doctor offices - once it is determined what information they need and in what format they would like it in - electronic, paper, both.

Provider Recruitment Committee

Co-Chairs: Felicia Gooler and Mary-Alayne Hughes

Members: Teresa O'Connor, Kim Woolridge

Goal:

1. Monitor State Level - provide advocacy.
2. Host Provider Recognition Luncheon - Sarah Kim provided Birth to 6 Council with a list of providers.
3. Help develop a provider's page for website.

We also discussed developing a survey for physician's offices. One idea was to use "Survey Monkey" - only 10 questions are allowed. Lisa Ellis offered to start a "Google.doc" document and to email it to everyone to brainstorm about what questions need to be included in the survey.

We need good contact persons for each healthcare provider: Christie Clinic, Carle Clinic, Carle Hospital, Provena Covenant and Frances Nelson. If you have a contact at any of these, please let us know.

There will not be a Council meeting in August. Committees were asked to try to meet in August or before our next monthly meeting which is on September 20th at United Way from noon to 1pm.