



Champaign County Birth to 6 Council Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2010

Noon – 1pm

**United Way of Champaign County
404 W. Church Street, Champaign, IL 61820**

Attendance

Betsy Shea (Champaign Public Library), Mary Anne Wilson (MCH), Jennifer Sampson (Crisis Nursery), , Kimberly Hile (CFC #16), Teresa O'Connor (DT), Lisa Ellis (McCormick Center), Kim Woolridge (LIC Coordinator), Lynn Harmon (Urbana Free Library), Lou Anne Burton (CCRS), Amanda Ravklovits (Champaign Public Library - Douglas Branch), Jon Dietrich (PNC Bank), Mark Driscoll (CCMHB/CCDDB), Stephanie Alumbaugh (DSCC), Jane Amundsen (Parent Wonders), Karla Paquin (Migrant/Seasonal Head Start)

Approval of Minutes

Copies of the July minutes were distributed, there was no meeting in August. Mark Driscoll motioned to approve and Lou Anne Burton seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes as written.

Announcements

Jennifer Sampson from Crisis Nursery announced that a Play Group will be meeting at DSC on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am for children ages birth to 3. There is also a support group on Monday evenings.

Betsy Shea, Champaign Public Library announced the library had free tickets available for the 20 minute show about Dinosaurs, The Titanic, Space and Life in their Dome Theatre.

Jane Amundsen announced that the Parent Wonders program would be starting again in Rantoul. Developmental Services Center is serving as the fiscal agent for their program.

Jon Dietrich from PNC Bank introduced himself and summarized their Grow Up Great program. The program began 7 years ago. Bank employees sponsor and/or volunteer their time in various community events focusing on birth to 6 years of age. They will officially roll out the program in our area mid-January 2011.

Lisa Ellis, McCormick Center and Lou Anne Burton, CCRS will host a training at Danville Community College on October 22, 2010 about using social networking to market your childcare.

Committee Reports:

There were no updates from the Child Find, Provider Recruitment, or Website committees. Literacy Committee will update Booklist for the website and a shortlist for the Disability Expo.

CFC Report and Updates

Kimberly Hile distributed the July and August Caseload Summary report. There were 46 referrals in August. Provider payments are still behind. There will be a Provider Meeting at DSC on October 22, 2010 from 9am to 11 am.

LIC Report

There will be a CFC/Birth to 6 booth at the Down Syndrome Buddy Walk on October 9, 2010 and at the Disability Expo on October 16, 2010. There is still a need for volunteers to help with the booth on October 16th. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Presentation: Migrant Head Start in Rantoul

Karla Paquin from Migrant Head Start joined us for the first time. They have a brand new location at 1126 County Club Lane in Rantoul. They provide childcare and a comprehensive program of health, parent involvement, and social services for preschool children of low-income migrant and seasonal farm workers. Most families are here from June to late October.

Old Business

Spanish Interpreter - Jon Dietrich, PNC Bank is also a member of the Latino Partnership and will try to help us locate someone for this position.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on October 18th at noon at United Way, 404 W. Church Street, Champaign.