



Champaign County Birth to 6 Council Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2011

Noon – 1pm

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

Attendance

Betsy Shea (Champaign Public Library), Mary Anne Wilson (Community Elements), Beverley Baker (United Way), Kimberly Hile & Brandy Kizer (CFC #16), Teresa O'Connor (DT), Lisa Ellis (McCormick Center), Kim Woolridge (LIC Coordinator), Lou Anne Burton (CCRS), Amanda Raklovits (Champaign Public Library - Douglas Branch), Jane Amundsen (Parent Wonders), Angela Reinhart (U of I Extension), Mark Driscoll (CC Mental Health and Disabilities Boards), Felicia Gooler (DSC), Stephanie Alambuagh (Div. Spec. Chld.), Holly Rose & Debbie Plush (Parent Wonders), Lora Fegley (Urbana Free Library), Mary Hansley (C-U Early), Marilee Wright & Nicole Sikora (Community Elements), April Augsburger (Champaign Early Childhood Center), Nancy Gaumer (Parkland Child Development), Susan Fowler (U of I Spec. Ed. Dept/ E.I. Clearinghouse), Jen Sampson (Crisis Nursery), Jon Dietrich (PNC Bank).

Approval of Minutes

Copies of the November minutes were distributed. Lisa Ellis motioned to approve and Beverley Baker seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes as written.

Announcements

Lou Anne Burton announced that CCRS is offering a training opportunity called A Child with AUTISM: How to Make Your Environment a Positive One! on April 9, 2011 at the Carle Forum from 9:00 to 3:30. She also circulated the ECIAEYC Newsletter. Jon Dietrich, PNC Bank announced their Grow Up Great program will be training staff on January 26 & 27. PNC staff members volunteer up to 40 hours (paid by PNC) and the bank donates \$1,000 to that organization/program. Volunteer opportunities are also available by signing up at cuvolunteer.org.

Committee Reports:

Literary Committee- Countdown to Kindergarten flyer was distributed.

Equipment Loan Committee- Equipment is housed at DSC and incorporated with therapy loan items. There will be a link on our website – Felicia will send an updated list to be posted.

Website Committee- Update on Facebook page.

Public Awareness- We were asked if we would like to co-sponsor the kick-off event for Child Abuse Prevention – maybe tie it in with Ready, Set, Grow. Needs to be discussed more when Bev Baker is present. Marilee

Wright from Community Elements is a member of the planning committee for the Child Abuse Prevention event.

Child Find/Transitioning – Lisa Ellis -Update on survey to send out into community. Susan Fowler & Felicia Gooler will work together to try to find a grad student who can work on collecting the data about children once the screening process is done.

CFC Report and Updates

Kimberly Hile introduced Brandy Kizer, who was hired as a new Service Coordinator. Referrals are still coming in. Caseload Summary Reports are being distributed via email now along with the minutes and agenda.

LIC Report

Kimberly Woolridge will email a copy of the new CFC/Birth to 6 Brochure and the Kindergarten Countdown flyer to everyone. She will also email committee chairs to remind them to take time in February to meet as there is no monthly meeting scheduled.

Old Business

New Business

Mary Anne Wilson asked for volunteers to serve on a nominating committee to select co-chairs for next year (beginning July 1, 2011). Members present were encouraged to consider taking a leadership role on the council.

It was decided to have the March meeting on the 2nd Monday(March 14th) due to the Spring Break schedule.

Presentation:

Lisa Ellis presented the new Birth to 6 Council Facebook page she has been working on.

It was decided that we would not have a meeting in February, instead committees will meet on their own. Next meeting will be Monday, March 14, 2011 from noon to 1:30 pm at United Way. Please note that this meeting is a week early due to the Spring Break schedule.