

Champaign County Birth to 6 Council Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2011

Noon – 1:30pm

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

Attendance

Beverley Baker(United Way), Kimberly Hile CFC #16), Lisa Ellis (McCormick Center), Kim Woolridge (LIC Coordinator), Lou Anne Burton (CCRS), Amanda Raklovits (Champaign Public Library - Douglas Branch), Angela Reinhart(U of I Extension), Mark Driscoll(CC Mental Health and Disabilities Boards), Felicia Gooler (DSC), Holly Rose & Debbie Plush (Parent Wonders), April Augsburg(Champaign Early Childhood Center), Nancy Gaumer(Parkland Child Development), Jon Dietrich(PNC Bank), Angie Wolske(D.T.), Nikki Guthridge, Maureen Frogley(Speech Therapist), Cristy Cribbett (CFC).

Approval of Minutes

Copies of the January minutes were distributed. Mark Driscoll motioned to approve and Lisa Ellis seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes as written.

Announcements

Two flyers were distributed: Ready, Set, Grow & PNC's Interactive Mobile Unit. We will be the first community to try the mobile unit. Bev Baker announced an extension of Ready, Set, Grow – An Evening with Lilian Katz, world renown authority in Early Childhood Education, will be held on April 13th.

Committee Reports:

Public Awareness- FaceBook page- Lisa Ellis will report monthly statistics.

Child Find/Transitioning – Lisa Ellis will work 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. Kimberly Hile will talk with Jum Dentino about data collection. Felicia Gooler will bring Task Force Recommendations Report.

CFC Report and Updates

Caseload Summary Reports are being distributed via email now along with the minutes and agenda.

LIC Report

Kimberly Woolridge will email Child Find/Transition and Public Awareness Committee members to set a meeting date & time to finalize brochure. Two new members were added to brochure committee: Angie Wolske and Cristy Cribbett.

Old Business

Bev Baker shared that a meeting will be held on March 28th with Carle to discuss Baby Talk.

New Business

Slate of Officers were tabled until next meeting.

Presentation:

Lisa Ellis facilitated a discussion on “Questions for Champaign Mayoral Debate”. The Council came up with 4 questions to present to the candidates.

1. Where do you stand regarding city financial support for Birth to 6 services?
2. What role can/should city government play in supporting healthy child development?
3. Have you considered the impact on children and families when making cuts to social services support- police, fire, etc. and ways to maintain/increase community safety?
4. If/when state cuts are made, what role can/will the city play in compensating for those cuts impacting our community?

Felicia Gooler, Lisa Ellis and Nancy Gaumer are planning to attend the debate. Lisa will submit our questions electronically.

Next meeting will be Monday, May 16, 2011 from noon to 1:00 pm at United Way.