

Champaign County Birth to 6 Council Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2011

Noon – 1:00pm

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

Attendance

Beverley Baker (United Way), Kim Woolridge (LIC Coordinator), Lou Anne Burton (CCRS), Mark Driscoll (CC Mental Health and Disabilities Boards), Felicia Gooler (DSC), April Augsburg (Champaign Early Childhood Center), Mary Anne Wilson (Community Elements), Mary-alayne Hughes (UIUC-Special Education), Nicole Wente (CUPHD), Teresa O'Connor (Developmental Therapist), Holly Rose & Debbie Plush (Parent Wonders), Nancy Gaumer (Parkland Child Development), Mary Petre(DSC).

Approval of Minutes

Copies of the April minutes were distributed. Beverley Baker motioned to approve and Mark Driscoll seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes as written.

Announcements

Staerkel Planetarium will be showing a pre-view of "One World, One Sky- Big Bird's Adventure" on May 26th at 6:30pm. This is not a public viewing. It is for staff of area organizations. You must RSVP to dleake@parkland.edu.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

CFC Report and Updates

These reports are distributed via email now along with the minutes and agenda.

LIC Report

The 2011-2012 Slate of Officers was voted on and the new officers will take effect July 1, 2011.

There was much discussion about the 2010-2011 Budget. It was noted that no new requests from any committees or individuals were received by the LIC Coordinator. Felicia Gooler questioned why were discussing budget spending so late in the fiscal year. Kim Woolridge explained this was partly due to receiving the budget dollar amount later in the fiscal year because of the cuts made by the State and partly because there were no discussions or requests from any committees or individuals other than the request to purchase a Papa John's gift card in the amount of \$60.00 for the Urbana 18-21 Special Education class for putting together packets used at community events and the early discussion of an unknown dollar amount to pay for the printing of new brochures. Kim

Woolridge explained the request procedure, which is once the Council votes on spending, the LIC Coordinator fills out a "Decision Request" form outlining what the request is and listing the pros & cons of the request and sends it to the CFC office where it's reviewed by Jim Dentino and approved or denied. Felicia Gooler shared her disagreement of this process and will look into other LIC's procedures across the state. She disagrees with the fact that Jim Dentino approves or denies the LIC requests. She believes he has too much say over what the Champaign County Birth to 6 Council of Families and Agencies spend the LIC budget on.

There was then discussion about the Family Picnic, Transition Nights, and printing of the brochure. It was decided that postcards would be mailed out to all Birth to 3 Families inviting them to a Family Picnic at Hessel Park on June 12, 2011 from 1 to 3pm. Hotdogs, buns, chips and drinks will be provided and each family asked to bring a dish to share. The total cost of the picnic will not exceed \$300.00. It was also decided that the Council would host a total of 4 Transition Nights with the school districts of Champaign, Urbana, Mahomet, and Rural Champaign County. We will provide cookies and drinks, the total cost not to exceed \$100.00. Sam's Club gift cards will be purchased.

After discussing the pros & cons of using a local printer vs. the internet and the cost associated with each, Beverly Baker made a motion to approve up to \$400.00 from the 2010-2011 budget for brochure printing. Details to be worked out by the Public Awareness Committee. Motion carried.

It was also decided that "Budget" would be a permanent line item on each month's Agenda so committees have budget details as early as possible to help guide their spending.

Old Business

There was no discussion on any old business.

New Business

There was discussion about grants and trying to find ways to bring other money into the Council. Lisa Ellis looked into the CVS Caremark Grant. Beverley Baker and Lisa Ellis would look at collaborating the grant writing if the Council qualified under one of their criteria. Nancy Gaumer suggested the Council provide Screening Training to area Childcare Providers. Lou Anne Burton shared that CCRS has offered ASQ Training in the past before their nurse position was eliminated. She has someone trained again and could offer the training on the CCRS calendar in the near future.

Presentation:

None.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 20, 2011 from noon to 1:00 pm at United Way.