

## **Champaign County Birth to 6 Council Meeting Minutes**

**October 17, 2011**

**Noon – 1:00pm**

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

### **Attendance**

Kim Woolridge(CFC), Kimberly Hile(CFC), Cristy Cribbett(CFC), Stacey Jackson(CFC), Judy Ullom(DSC), Cheri Burcham, Beverley Baker(United Way), Mary Anne Wilson(Community Elements), Anli Nguyen(Community Elements), Mary-alayne Hughes(UIUC, Dept. of Spec. Ed.), Jeni Weisiger(Developmental Therapist), Felicia Gooler(DSC), Lou Anne Burton(Childcare Resource Center), Lisa Ellis(McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership), Cheryl Carlson(Spch w/ Early Intervention), Rachel Dean(Community Elements), Charlotte Green(Community Elements), Betsy Shea(Champaign Public Library), Nicole Wentz(CUPD), Amanda Raklovits(Champaign Public Library-Douglass Branch), Lora Fegley(Urbana Free Library), Lori Bednarz(Spectrum Coordinator), Debbie Plush(Parent Wonders), Stephanie Alumbaugh(Div. Spec. Children), Luis Delfin(Christie Clinic), Dr. Charles Morton(Carle Developmental Peds.)

### **Approval of Minutes**

Copies of the September minutes were distributed. Minutes were not approved - will need to approve at next meeting. Lisa Ellis motioned to revise the agenda that was emailed and Bev Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Announcements**

Mahomet Schools E. I. Transition night was held in conjunction with their Open House on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Two families attended out of 8 possible. Spectrum's Transition Nights will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> in Rantoul and on November 30<sup>th</sup> in St. Joseph.

Voices Great at Eight Community Dialogue will be held on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Champaign Public Library. Lunch will be provided by Voices. This meeting will be held in place of the Birth to 6 Council's regularly scheduled LIC meeting. Community Members will be invited to attend and must RSVP. There will be a limit of 40 attendees.

### **Committee Reports:**

None.

### **CFC Report and Updates**

These reports are distributed via email now along with the minutes and agenda. Referrals are steady. At the September meeting, Kimberly Hile motioned to purchase a \$100.00 gas gift card for Alejandra Conoles to attend 4 training/testing sessions in Alsip to become an E.I. credentialed Spanish translator. This would be less than ½ her costs for this training. The council approved paying for testing (\$120.00) last year, but the person backed out. When we started this project, the training was available online with a one day follow-up, but it is now 3 separate one day training sessions. Champaign County has been without a translator for 2 years. Motion was discussed and tabled until all proposals from committees are in. *The Council would like Alejandra Conoles to sign an Intent to Provide E.I. services in Champaign County - Kimberly Hile will talk to her.*

### **LIC Report**

Budget - \$1000.00. Discussions on Budget continued. It was brought to the Council's attention that the "K Readiness" event for Douglass Branch cannot be paid for with CFC/LIC funds because the funds are only to be spent on children ages birth to 3. Felicia Gooler argued that LIC funds can be used for children over 3. Kimberly Hile agreed to speak with Jim Dentino about her concern. The K event was tweaked to include activities for children under 3. Lisa Ellis would like to have a dialogue with Jim Dentino to discuss the purpose of the LIC and who we want to service/support.

Child Find/Transition - \$100.00 - transition nights with area school districts. *Their was discussion to include \$150.00 for screenings in rural champaign county.*

Public Awareness - \$20.00 - Lollipop tree and lollipops for events. *Their was discussion to include up to \$200.00 for a Ready, Set, Grow advertisement.*

Provider Recruitment - \$300.00 - for provider trainings. *Discussion continued about the \$100.00 gas card to recruit an E. I. Spanish Translator(see CFC Report).*

Equipment Loan - none.

Website- none.

Literacy and School Readiness- \$150.00 for Douglass Branch to hold a Getting Ready for K event.

Budget decisions were tabled.

### **Old Business**

A draft letter to area providers was shared. The letter will be sent with our new brochures when enlisting a provider's help in distributing them. The summary of the Statewide Interagency Meeting was tabled.

### **New Business**

A sign-up sheet for volunteers was sent around the table for two upcoming events. The Down Syndrome Network's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Buddy Walk will be from 9:30-2:00 on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Champaign County Fairgrounds and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Reaching Out for Answers Disability Expo will be from 9:00 -2:00 on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Lincoln Square Mall.

**Presentation:** Developmental Pediatricians Charles Morton(Carle) and Joseph Keely(Christie) were asked back to discuss the best way to get our new Brochure into all exam rooms and the best approach to reach all the Dr.'s.

Dr. Keeley was with a patient and could not attend. Dr. Morton arrived half-way into the meeting. His last patient appointment ran over. Dr. Morton shared that getting facetime with the Doctors is difficult. May need to go through Nurse Management - best access. Diane Franzen is Dr. Morton's Administrative Assistant. Paula Wingler & Mindy Spencer are the best contacts to get the Brochures into offices at Carle. Each Department holds monthly meetings at Carle and Christie - can ask to have a few minutes to speak at one of the monthly meetings.

**There will not be a LIC meeting in November.** Instead Voices Great at Eight Community Dialogue will be held on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. *This will be an Invitation Only Meeting.*

**There will not be a LIC meeting in December.** Committees should use this month to meet on their own.

**The next LIC meeting will be held on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at United Way from noon to 1:00pm. Please Note: This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday.**