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Clinton Local Interagency Council
And
Community Engagement Group
Minutes
6/23/2010

Attendance:

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Tobi Diggs

Lindsay Palumbo

Karen M Krise

Erica Moore

Lori Lohman

Lisa Bangson

Marilyn E Ely

Nicho Bilbay

Christopher Bilbay

Jennifer Sobjak

Penn State Cooperative Extension

Department of Health

CCIS Lycoming/Clinton County

Bureau of Blind and Visual Service

Central Intermediate Unit#10

Keystone Central School District

Building Blocks

Infant Development Program

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Review of May minutes: Accepted as presented.

Jennifer Sobjak Children and Youth Services

Integrated Children's Plan: Jennifer is working on the Integrated Children's Plan for Clinton County and was seeking input from the members of LICC/CEG for that plan. The intent of the plan is to partner with community agencies to focus on early literacy issues. Members reported that the group that we are missing is the families whose children are not in any type of program. These families may not be aware of the change in necessary skills to be successful in Kindergarten. The Reach and Risk report indicated that there were some additional risk factors present in Clinton County. There is a high percentage of mothers without high school diplomas and 28% poverty rate for young children. One of the factors for not sending a child to a child care facility is the concern that the child will not be safe there. Suggestions were made to have information in parks during summer recreation time, events at the Lock Haven Gardens and other housing facilities for low income families and information at Wal-Mart on kindergarten readiness and developmental information. The Agency is pursuing a Family Initiative to promote the need for involvement from both parents and community support for young children. Lisa suggested taking a look at the Curriculum that the PACT program uses.

Agency Updates:

Infant/Toddler Early Intervention: Verification is completed and the team was pleased with the progress that was made as well as pointing out areas of improvement.

Infant Development Program: July 5th the five week summer program begins and August 30th Fall preschool will start.

Building Blocks: Summer program is in full swing. Pre-K graduation was 2 weeks ago. There are openings in the Toddler program but none for babies.

Keystone Central: The autistic support program is moving to the lower level of Robb Elementary where they will have more room. The district received a PEP grant to add more to their sensory integration program. The Extended school year begins July 6th. There is also a summer school program being provided through 21st Century and a kindergarten camp.

IU#10: The secretary, budget director, and school psychologist retired this month. Everyone but the psychologist has been replaced. There will be a period of time until the new hires are fully up to speed. When they are Karen will no longer be the PELICAN Queen but those duties will go to the secretary. Karen would be interested in data from KCSD about the children starting kindergarten who have developmental delays who have not been identified by Early Intervention. This data would be useful for developing a child find plan.

BBVS: Lindsay reminded the group that visually impaired/blind children also should be expected to develop independent skills so that they can be involved in everyday activities. Sometimes the expectations of ability are too low hindering the child's development. Beacon Lodge Camp is an area of outreach for BBVS. Hiram G Andrews is having a two week program for teens with visual impairments. Lindsay also presented information on NEWSLINE and Braille cards.

CCIS: There is a wait list again. Clearances are needed for anyone who provides subsidized child care. This includes FBI, child abuse and criminal background. They are also required to have 12 hours of training in a two year period. Suggestion was made to provide kindergarten readiness information to this group of people as well through CCIS.

DOH: Families are catching up on immunizations to get their children ready for school. There are also more Spanish speaking families in the Loganton area who have contacted DOH for immunizations.

Penn State Cooperative Extension:

October 8th is a KCSD in-service day which Laurie is tentatively planning for the continuation of the transition from child care to kindergarten program. This will be finalized at a later date. Betty Manlo from LHU would be the speaker. CEG grant was approved.

Old Business:

Finance:

Purchased 5000 flyers for \$277.72. Used \$139.00 for June training leaving a balance of \$460.62

Training: Lori suggested again that we get Peter Motminney to do training. The group agreed that an October /November time frame would be good and referred this to the training subcommittee to finalize details.

Child Find Screening: No update

School readiness event June 7th: There were 40 people there and it was a successful evening. Laurie moved and Erica seconded a motion to donate the remaining kindergarten books to the book exchange program for doctor's offices. Motion carried.

Slate of officers:

Laurie Welch co-chair

Tobi Diggs co-chair

Marilyn Ely secretary

Lisa Bangson treasurer

Wendy Lupold screening coordinator

Marilyn moved and Karen seconded a motion to accept the slate as presented. Motion carried.

Meeting Schedule 2010/2011

September 29, 2010

October 27, 2010

November 24, 2010

December no meeting

January 26, 2011

February 23, 2011

March 30, 2011

April 27, 2011

May 25, 2011

June 29, 2011

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting September 29, 2010

Submitted by: Marilyn E Ely