



## Clinton County LEARN / LICC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** February 22, 2012

<b>Attendance:</b>	Karen M. Krise	Central Intermediate Unit # 10
	Marilyn Ely	Lycoming-Clinton MH/MR EI
	Barb Wilson	Lycoming-Clinton MH/MR EI
	Vicki Lewis	Penn State Cooperative Extension
	Vickie Dodds	STEP Lycoming-Clinton Head Start
	Jaime VanAmburg	Mom's Inc.
	Amy Bowers	Mom's Inc.

### **Minutes:**

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

### **Agency Updates/Correspondence:**

#### **Infant Toddler Early Intervention:**

Marilyn Ely said the Infant Toddler program had Verification in early February. Overall it went well and they received some positive feedback on their program, as well as some suggestions for improvement. No major issues were identified. An improvement plan will be developed to address the minor issues.

Referrals have increased and there are more screenings planned in the near future. The group is still exploring the idea of screenings at daycare centers using the ASQ process. Two sites have been contacted, but Marilyn has not had any responses yet.

#### **CIU # 10 Preschool Early Intervention:**

Karen Krise stated that the CIU # 10 is very busy assisting districts who are applying for the Keystones to Opportunity grants. These are competitive grants available to school districts, focused on literacy from birth to grade 12. Over 300 districts completed the pre-application in February, and about 127 districts were selected to go into the second round and complete the full application. Five of the seven districts in Clearfield County are in the second round. No districts in Centre or Clinton Counties were successful. Applications are due in March and the awards will be announced in April. It is anticipated that 50-70 districts will receive awards of \$250,000 -- \$500,000.

Preschool Early Intervention referrals are on-track to meet the annual goal by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Lycoming-Clinton Head Start:**

Vickie Dodds reported that Head Start is experiencing a "typical February". They have participated in about 60 Transition to Kindergarten meetings in 9 school districts. Head Start has been busily working on their annual self-assessment, and also on a 3 year quality improvement plan as well.

Vickie mentioned that Head Start accepts applications all year long, but the big push for new fall enrollments starts now. She asked that everyone send referrals now for eligible children for Head Start programs.

### **Mom's Inc:**

Jaime VanAmburg and Amy Bower reported that the Jersey Shore site will be inspected in March. They plan to renew their Star 1 status and begin working toward Star 2. They still have openings and are accepting new clients. The McElhatten site has expanded and now has a great gross motor area. This is used especially for the school-age children and has many great activities like a pool table and fozz-ball, as well as room for bikes, playing ball, etc.

### **Penn State Cooperative Extension:**

Vicki Lewis stated that she has been very busy with kindergarten registration materials. She has visited all elementary schools in Clinton County except Renovo and distributed materials.

Vicki reported that the CDA (Child Development Associate) class being planned by Laurie Welch and Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger has been postponed until April due to low enrollment. There was some discussion by the team members regarding the difficulty of scheduling classes in the evenings. Some stated that on-line classes would be more available to some staff members, Karen Krise mentioned that she may have seen on-line classes for CDA that are available from outside providers, but they may be more expensive.

Vicki also reminded the LEARN team members about the Shining Star recognition promotion by the PA Keys. Child care sites and Preschools have received information about this program. Each county is supposed to plan a local event to recognize nominated children. Marilyn said that Lycoming County is planning to do a joint event with the local library.

### **On-Going Business:**

#### **Finance:**

Lisa Bangson did not attend the meeting, but reported to the team that there have been no recent expenditures.

#### **Screening Committee:**

Barb Wilson reported that everything is set for the next screening on March 19<sup>th</sup>. She believes she has adequate staff to cover the event, which will be held at the DOH. The next screening event will be held at IDP on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**PA One Book:**

One Book plans are moving along. Vicki has received a list of preschool and day care sites that are interested in having a reader. She will compile the list and then send it out to the LEARN team members so that we can sign up to do a reading when we are available.

**New Business:**

Marilyn reported that the LEARN Family Resource Guide has been updated. A draft copy was passed around for members to review. Marilyn will have a limited number printed and will bring them to the next meeting.

Karen stated that Char Conser (IDP) and Cherie Neely (CIU # 10) had agreed to present an evening training as discussed at the last meeting. She will check with them to see if a date had been set yet.

**Next Meeting: 3/28/12 @ 9:30am at IDP**

*Respectfully submitted by Karen M. Krise, Secretary*

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