

Clinton CEG/LICC Meeting
June 29, 2011
Minutes

Attendance: Marilyn Ely Lycoming-Clinton Early Intervention
Karen Krise IU# 10 Early Intervention
Hedy Ulsh Lycoming-Clinton Early Head Start STEP Inc
Vickie Dodds Lycoming-Clinton Head Start STEP Inc.
Laurie Weinreb-Welch Penn State Cooperative Ext CEG Coordinator
Lori Lohman Building Blocks
Barb Wilson Lycoming-Clinton Early Intervention
Tobi Diggs CCIS

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed. Tobi Diggs moved and Karen Krise seconded that the minutes be approved as presented.

LEARN grant status: Revisions were requested and completed. The revisions have been approved. Final approval will be after the State budget is passed. The group discussed the new emphasis on recruiting parents. This is similar to the charge that LICC's had to have parents serve on the group. We decided that we needed to update materials such as invitation flyer that Infant Toddler uses as well as map out a campaign for all members of the group to implement. We discussed using clintoncountychildcare.org and Facebook as avenues to get the information out in addition to the face to face contacts that we have. We decided that there would be an extra meeting scheduled August 31, 2011 at the MH/MR building on Grove Street to update the materials and to work together on a campaign. This will also be a time to share information about training plans and child find needs.

Agency Updates:

CCIS: Tobi reported that as of this date there is no waiting list but there probably will be July 1 because of a decrease in funding after the loss of stimulus money. Two positions have been eliminated and there may be an increase in co-pays.

Early Intervention Infant/Toddler: There were 30 fewer referrals in 2010/2011 than in 2009/2010. The data will be analyzed to see if there is a pattern but looking at a more aggressive child find program is in order.

Early Intervention Preschool: Child count is up in Preschool across the three counties served. There are changes going on in the IU. Sue Willis is retiring in Sept as well as other staff. There are still concerns about the budget and other cuts may need to be made in order to balance the budget.

Early Head Start: The program will be moving to the Clinton County Community Center the end of July if everything is ready. The program is transitioning 30 children so there will be openings.

Head Start: The preschool will be moving in August so screenings will be at the outlet July 28. The Education and Mental Health Committee for Head Start will be meeting July 28 at 1. Please send a substitute if you can't attend.

Building Blocks: The Center is celebrating its 25th Anniversary with a variety of activities. The staff has devised a summer program that parents paid an extra fee for their children to do field trips which is giving the program the flexibility of doing more things. Lori is working towards being a four star provider and will reach it soon.

Ongoing Business:

Community Report Card: Laurie presented copies of the Community Report Card. Marilyn asked that Early Intervention Infant/Toddler and Preschool be included under OCDEL programs. There was a discussion of how can we not lose the focus on special needs children with our combination of CEG and LICC. The group might look at some events for families that would give them an opportunity to network with other families. This could be included in our efforts to recruit parents.

Slate of officers 2011/2012

Chair: Laurie Welch

Co-Chair: Tobi Diggs

Secretary: Karen Krise

Treasurer: Lisa Bangson

Screening: Barb Wilson/Deb West

Since there were no nominations from the floor Vickie Dodds moved and Lori Lohman seconded that the slate be accepted. Motion passed. Slate will take office at the August meeting.

Finance: All invoices have been submitted to the county for payment including the gift card and the printing cost for flyers.

Next meeting: August 31,2011 at 9:30 at the MH/MR office 8 North Grove Street Lock Haven

Minutes submitted by: Marilyn E Ely