

Clinton CEG/LICC Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2011

Attendance: Marilyn E Ely	Lycoming-Clinton Early Intervention
Deb West	Lycoming-Clinton Early Intervention
Barb Wilson	Lycoming-Clinton Early Intervention
Candace Reeder	Department of Health
Laurie Welch	Penn State Cooperative Extension
Wendy Lupold	Infant Development Program
Anita Rathgeber	Infant Development Program
Lisa Bangson	Infant Development Program
Hedy Ulsh	Lycoming-Clinton Early Head Start
Karen M Krise	Central Intermediate Unit #10
Tobi Diggs	CCIS Lycoming-Clinton County
Vickie Dodds	STEP Lycoming-Clinton Head Start

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed. C Reeder moved and L Bangson seconded that the minutes be approved as presented.

Agency Updates/Correspondence:

Sue Chapin sent a goodbye message to the group since she was unable to attend today. She will be missed by the group.

Infant Development Program: They are very busy with end of year activities including graduation. IDP has received the Parents as Teachers grant for \$160,000 to serve 75 children Birth to Five in Clinton County. There will be training this summer.

Early Head Start: Federal review went very well. They are working on their summer program since Early Head Start is a year round program. They have been approved for an additional 6 months of funding.

CIU#10: Even with eliminating Sue Chapin's position the IU is \$100,000 in the hole based on current budget projections. Teachers and administrators have agreed to a one year pay freeze but there is still a gap which may eventually result in service cuts. The verification visit went very well although they have not received their final report yet.

Infant Toddler Early Intervention: Referrals have increased again. There are also a larger number than usual of children with concerns about hearing loss. Patricia Walker is the agency lead in this low incidence diagnosis and she has been invited to be on a state wide advisory group. This will bring more information on how to make sure that all appropriate referrals are being made to Early Intervention.

Lycoming-Clinton Head Start: The program is getting ready to move to their new quarters in the Community Center in Lock Haven. The summer screenings will be done in July. They are also looking for a place in Renovo to use as their site.

Department of Health: They have been very busy with helping families comply with the new school immunization requirements.

Penn State Cooperative Extension: There is a possibility of a 50% cut affecting Cooperative Extension resulting in a loss of positions. The extent of the cuts will not be known until the State budget is finalized. The LEARN (formerly CEG) grant has been submitted. The expectations are different this year along with a new name. There is to be more of an emphasis on recruiting parents and involving them in the group as well as providing education for them. Transition remains as a major goal as well as being a resource to the community about Early Childhood issues and services. The Community Report Card will be completed before Laurie's trip to Kenya.

CCIS: Tobi reported that there is not a waiting list currently but with the projected budget cuts there will be a waiting list after the new fiscal year starts.

Ongoing Business:

Finance: \$ 439.50

Wendy requested funds to print 5000 copies of the screening flyers for 2011/2012. Laurie moved and Vickie seconded that CEG/LICC use LICC funds to purchase the flyers from Reese printing not to exceed the amount of our allotted funds. Motion approved.

Screening Report: May 16th screening. There were two children birth to three. One was a referral and the other is a re-screen. There were three children three to school age. One was already a referral to IU #10 and the other two became referrals to preschool.

Vickie expressed some concerns regarding the validity of the ASQ for the older children. In her experience it doesn't refine things as well as the ESP does leaving her unsure of referrals. Karen suggested a referral of any that there is a question about for further screening.

Mary Eiswert from the Department of Health is retiring. She has done the scheduling for screenings and getting files ready. The group voted to provide a gift card of \$30 in appreciation for her support through the years.

PA One Book: Laurie was able to buy some extra books and there were none left over. More child cares are participating so more books are being distributed.

New Business:

Slate of Officers for 2011/2012

Chair: Laurie Welch

Co-Chair: Tobi Diggs

Secretary: Karen Krise

Treasurer: Lisa Bangson

Screening: Barb Wilson/Deb West.

The slate will be voted on at the June meeting.

Next meeting: June 29, 2011 @ 9:30 at the Lycoming-Clinton MH/MR office 8 North Grove Street Lock Haven.

Respectfully submitted: Marilyn E Ely Secretary