



## Clinton County LEARN / LICC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 28, 2011

<b>Attendance:</b>	Karen M. Krise	Central Intermediate Unit # 10
	Laurie Welch	Penn State Cooperative Extension
	Wendy Lupold	Infant Development Program
	Anita Rathgeber	Infant Development Program
	Lisa Bangson	Infant Development Program
	Vickie Dodds	STEP Lycoming-Clinton Head Start
	Hedy Ulsh	Lycoming-Clinton Early Head Start
	Ashlie Mains	IDP Intern for Fall Semester
	Lori Lohman	Building Blocks
	Michael Bruning	Lock Haven YMCA

### **Minutes:**

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Anita moved and Wendy seconded that the minutes be approved as presented.

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

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

No report this month as all representatives were unable to attend.

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

- Karen reported that three CIU # 10 staff members will be presenting at the Building Blocks conference in early November in Clearfield. The conference brochure has not been released yet, but will be forwarded to the LEARN team as soon as it is received.
- Sue Willis will retire from the CIU # 10 as of Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer Starner has been named to replace her as Special Education Director. Jennifer is currently the Assistant Special Education Director; it is unclear at this point whether Jennifer's position will be filled.

#### **Infant Development Program:**

- Wendy noted that Infant Development is happy to have Ashlie as an intern. She is scheduled to work 430 hours by mid-December.
- Lisa reported that IDP was the victim of a break-in last weekend. Losses included some cash, credit cards, and one laptop. The police were able to obtain some fingerprints and they are hopeful the perpetrator will be caught. Two neighboring homes were also broken into.

**Early Head Start:**

- Hedy reported that the new year is off to a good start. They are busy doing screenings, but are currently having some issues with their new vision screening equipment.
- They have determined that about 15% of their enrolled children are identified with a disability.

**Lycoming-Clinton Head Start:**

- Vickie stated the ribbon cutting ceremony originally scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> had to be re-scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> due to regional flooding issues. The celebration reportedly went very well.
- The next LEARN meeting will be held at the new facility, and Vickie will give everyone a tour.
- In August Head Start had 16% of their enrolled children identified as having a disability. Vickie noted this is a high percentage for this point in the year for both Head Start and Early Head Start.

**Department of Health:**

- Candace was not present. Laurie reported that the DOH would have free flu vaccines available in Clinton County due to a grant that she obtained.

**CCIS:**

- Tobi was not present.

**Building Blocks:**

- Lori reported that this year she is team-teaching with another teacher in the center, so she is now able to spend more time on her duties as the director.
- 7 employees completed the CDA (Child Development Associate) training and have received their certificates. This was co-taught by Laurie Welch and was an intensive, 120 hour course.
- Lori must spend a great deal of time observing and scoring these employees.
- It is hoped that Building Blocks will become a Star 3 in January, 2012.
- Lori expressed an interest in Infant Toddler trainings for her staff, as well as some trainings in curriculum.

**Lock Haven YMCA Childcare:**

- Michael reported that he now represents Lock Haven Childcare and Lock Haven YMCA.
- A new program that was very successful this past summer was "Adventure Camp", targeted to 13-15 year old middle school students.
  - The program ran 2 days per week this summer and included activities such as kayaking, doing a ropes course, and other fun activities.
  - The goal of the program is for adolescents to develop positive connections and friendships.
  - The program will continue during the school year. Participants are limited to 15 each week. Students can sign up a week at a time for activities they are interested in.
- 3 employees completed the CDA training and all enjoyed it.

**Penn State Cooperative Extension:**

- Laurie reported that the LEARN team had a display table at the recent children's festival. Calendars and other early childhood materials were given out.
- A Fall Family Event will be held at Woodward Park on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The LEARN team will have a table with a craft for children and information for parents.

- Char Conser along with Wendy Lupold (both from IDP) presented a morning session on children with special needs at a recent workshop conducted by Laurie. Laurie did an additional presentation in the afternoon, and reported that the LEARN team has met the professional development goal for this year.
- The annual Leadership Breakfast will be held in late October at Penn College. This is in conjunction with the Lycoming LEARN team. Please RSVP to Laurie as soon as possible.
- A transition workshop will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Cooperative Extension office. It will include kindergarten teachers from Keystone Central School District and child care professionals. The goal is to develop a plan for visits to kindergarten in the spring along with other transition activities. Dr. Denise Tyson from LHU will facilitate the workshop and lunch will be provided. Act 48, DPW, and CEU credits will be available.
- Parent Brochure: Laurie recently sent the draft brochure out to LEARN team members for review. She will send the brochure to the printer. It will be used as an outreach method to encourage parents to participate in the LEARN team. Laurie will post it on the childcare website as well.
- Laurie is interested in planning an event with the library in the near future.

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

#### **Finance:**

- Lisa reported that we have not made any expenditures yet this year.

#### **Screening Committee:**

- Barb Wilson was not able to attend but sent an e mail to report that screening dates are set, and several families are already signed up for the October 17<sup>th</sup> date.
- Flyers have been distributed.

#### **PA One Book:**

- Laurie reported that the new book for this year has been selected and the author is from central Pennsylvania. More information about the book will be released soon.
- The team discussed the possibility of arranging for the author to attend a local event for One Book, perhaps in conjunction with the library. Laurie will look into the possibility and keep the team posted.

### **New Business:**

- Anita asked that we update the pamphlet: "Community Resources for Families of Clinton County".
  - It was decided that Marilyn Ely has the electronic document, and did the last update to the pamphlet.
  - The team will review the current document (which can be found on the childcare website: [www.clintoncountychildcare.org](http://www.clintoncountychildcare.org))
  - Everyone is asked to make any revisions on a paper copy and bring it to the next meeting.
- Michael asked about resources if a translator is needed when dealing with families who are English Language Learners (ELL).
  - Vickie noted that Head Start had previously contacted Lock Haven University or local high school staff for assistance.

- It was mentioned that the Department of Health has access to something called "Language Line" that is done over the phone, but it was not known if this was a subscription service or a free service.
- Karen mentioned that the CIU # 10 had contacted "Global Connections" in State College in the past, a service that uses graduate students in the United States on a study visa that have some requirements to do volunteer work. This can be problematic as the students frequently do not have access to transportation.

**Next Meeting:** October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ 9:30am at the Clinton County Community Center (124 E. Walnut Street, Lock Haven, PA 17745)

*Respectfully submitted by Karen M. Krise, Secretary*

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