

LICC MEETING MINUTES

Combined meeting for the Central Susquehanna Valley (CSV) and Northumberland County Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)

May 4, 2016

Those present at today's meeting: Diane Roman, Northumberland County EI; Terri Locke, CSIU; Pam Ianiero, Danville Head Start; Renea Poust, Danville Child Development Center; Donna Pauling, Nurse Family Partnership; Theresa Konjura, Bayada Nursing; Pegi Keller, CSIU EI; Terri Locke, CSIU EI; Michele Mikolosko, Parent to Parent; Becky Laubach, CMSU EI

Michele Mikolosko from the NE Region of Parent to Parent presented. She reviewed the program's purpose in providing support to families who have family members with disabilities or special needs. Their mentors will support in additional areas such as nutrition, homeschooling, etc. in whatever area the parent is looking for. Their program is available for the lifetime of the individual with the diagnosis or need. All of their support is done by phone unless they meet through outreach events. Some families do request email support which Parent to Parent mentors will provide. They will make matches for grandparents, aunts, foster parents and so on. One of their staff is bilingual. They do have mentors who speak other languages and they can use a translation line. Michele reviewed the direct referral form that Parent to Parent uses. They will try contacting the family three times before sending a letter. The direct referral form is the only method for which counties will receive credit for the referral. There are times when Parent to Parent will make a match out of state as they are included within the Parent to Parent USA group.

The group determined meeting dates and locations for the coming fiscal year. July 6- Northumberland County BH/ID; Sept 7 – CMSU; Nov 2 – CSIU; Jan 4 – CSIU; Mar 1- Northumberland BH/ID; May 3 – CMSU

The group also reviewed the 2015-2016 work plan and tentatively agreed to continue with focus on various child find and child keep activities for all programs. The group will proceed with placemats and potentially a calendar. Head Start mentioned that several counties are seeing a decline in their enrollment and application numbers. Northumberland Head Start is not yet seeing the same decline. 10% of their enrollment can be over income guidelines. It was noted that Pre-K Counts has higher income guidelines which allows for a larger group of applicants and enrollees. Montour County presently has 2 Pre-K counts programs. In addition, the group tentatively agreed to keep a tabled item regarding increase knowledge of insurance options available to families. It was noted that the Assistance Office might be willing to do a presentation on insurances through medical assistance. The group is considering including the early learning standards.

The placemat quotes from Klein Artworks and Bird Printing. It was agreed that additional information is needed from Bird Printing. As Jen Higgs of Include Me has been taking lead on this, she'll be informed of the group's decision for additional information from Bird.

Bayada shared that they are doing a diaper drive to benefit the Danville Area Diaper Bank.

CSIU shared that there is a potential teacher strike on Monday. If there is a strike, there is no limit as to how long it could last. The IU does not follow a traditional school calendar as they serve 17 school districts. Preschool EI can only go three weeks without program operation. The IU has enough coverage for school based programs; the EI programs would stop including the 0-3 vision and hearing teachers. CSIU will contact Diane and Becky should there be a strike.

Next Meeting: *May 4, 2016 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at CMSU Developmental Services office.*