

# LICC MEETING MINUTES

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## Combined meeting for the Central Susquehanna Valley (CSV) and Northumberland County Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) Mar 8, 2017

Those present at today's meeting: Diane Roman, Northumberland County EI; Terri Locke, CSIU; Jen Hipps, The ARC of PA – Include Me; Tammie Christian, CSIU Watch Project; Ann G Miller, CSIU Watch Project; Tammy Pursel, Special Kids Network; Mary Mahoney-Ferster, The ARC of PA – Include Me; Jamie Bartlett, SUM CD; Samantha Gray, OCDEL; Renea Poust, Danville Child Development Center; Donna Pauling, Nurse Family Partnership; and Becky Laubach, CMSU EI.

Samantha Gray, OCDEL CIZ manager, provided a brief review of how the CIZ grants are part of the Race to the Top grant. OCDEL will apply in April for the Race to the Top grant continue with a work around for the CIZ grant (no cost extension). Their focus is on building capacity. The local CIZ grant is well underway. Four surveys have been completed at Warrior Run with a fifth one ready to be done. They are waiting to hear on acceptance to the Governor's Institute in July. There have been two communities of practice so far with a nice representation. The transition into kindergarten workshops occur monthly. Parents get to choose the topic. They are seeing returning families; fathers are coming and the kids get to take a book home. A quarterly report is submitted and is available. Contact Include Me representatives to receive a copy of the quarterly report.

Ann, Tammy and Terri presented the Watch Project. WATCH: Work Attributes Towards Careers in Health. It is a federal grant. CSIU was recently awarded a second grant. Each grant lasts five years. The grant focuses on meeting the needs of children and families together using a two generation approach; they look at the whole family and work simultaneously and intentionally together to help families and children succeed. In our area, the grant focuses on nursing as it is in high demand. They provide intensive case management, resources, identifies/removes barriers, provide work readiness, training and certification. They will not repeat or duplicate services. Goals are established and worked on; families have buy in; no one is forced to participate. There is an application process. The selection process is random and the applicant names go into a federal database. Two of every three applications can be served with the third application going into a control group. Due to the nature of the grant, those applications not accepted become part of the control group and are referred to Career Link. These applicants cannot re-apply during the grant. This selection process provides a means of showing that the program works. There are qualifications: finances, education, clearances and health test. Additional information on the Watch Project can be found on CSIU's website.

Placemats were distributed. See Diane and Becky when additional placemats are needed. Let Jen know where the placemats are being distributed.

Next Meeting: *May 3, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at CMSU DS office.*