

LICC MEETING MINUTES

Combined meeting for the Central Susquehanna Valley (CSV) and Northumberland County Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) Sept 7, 2016

Those present at today's meeting: Diane Roman, Northumberland County EI; Terri Locke, CSIU; Renea Poust, Danville Child Development Center; Donna Pauling, Nurse Family Partnership; Tammy Pursel, Special Kids Network; Theresa Konjura, Bayada Home Healthcare; Mary Mahoney-Ferster, The ARC of PA – Include Me; Cassie Weaver, Columbia Child Development; Pam Ianero, Danville Head Start; Jen Hipps, The ARC of PA – Include Me; and Becky Laubach, CMSU EI.

Jen presented information pertaining to the CIZ grant (Community Innovation Zone) that the combined LICCs have recently become partners in. This grant is part of the Race to the Top award a total of 50 grants were awarded. This particular grant was initially awarded to another area but that area had to pull out as the identified school district no longer wanted to be a part of the grant. The grant focuses children entering school who have special needs. The identified partners include preschool (CSIU), school district (Warrior Run) and the LICC. The grant provides funds over the next 18 months that will result in the development of new, sustainable ideas and to build capacity. The ARC has identified six priorities: 1) Family engagement: a survey on perception of family engagement has already been completed. Our area will complete one on barriers to family engagement. 2) Professional development to ECE partners at no cost. Jen Hipps will coordinate trainings and requests for training can be submitted to her. Examples include learning standards, ASQ or ASQ SE, GPS and PBIS overview. 3) Working with parents – a family version of PBIS overview. 4) Implementation of community practice at Warrior Run – this involves identification of important issues and reporting of what works and doesn't work. A meeting is scheduled for Oct 20th. 5) Kindergarten Entrance Inventory and 6) Help develop local program using Epstein's Framework for Engagement in developing leaders. This focuses especially on parents as leaders. Some examples: parents who naturally advocate, parents who are good with other aspects such as organizing events. Jennifer Billig, another Include Me consultant will work on priorities 4 & 6. She reported on an adaptive swim class beginning at the Berwick Y. They hope to get an adaptive swim class in Danville. Valerie Niedemeyer will work on priority #1 and Mary will work on # 5 as well as is responsible for the grant overall.

Group reviewed the ads received for the placemats. Jen will re-send email to programs with the reminder that the ad must be submitted in a jpeg format and that deadline for submission is Friday. The group also discussed completing the calendars. Jen will gather quotes for different sizes for the LICC to compare. The calendar will be completed for the 2018 year. This will allow time for all needed components to be completed including printing and distribution prior to the 2018 year.

There was a brief discussion regarding the increased referrals for children who have an elevated blood lead level of at least 5 micrograms per deciliter. The Department of Health recently lowered the reportable level to 5. Once they receive notification, contact information is sent to either the local infant toddler early intervention program or to the local 3-5 early intervention program.

The group also discussed further the concern of how to better identify family needs. This was initially mentioned at the July LICC meeting. The concern originated from the results of the yearly family survey that OCDEL sends out. Specific areas mentioned with referrals to other agencies and connecting families. The group questioned whether there should be an additional survey completed upon entry into EI asking parents about what they are looking for, what their goals are and to describe their family. Given the information presented earlier on Epstein's Framework for Engagement, this might be incorporated how the LICC chooses to respond.

The November combined LICC meeting is cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

Next Meeting: **Jan 4, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at CSIU Montandon office.**