



WAKE COUNTY LOCAL INTER-AGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

January 12th, 2010 LICC Meeting Minutes Project Enlightenment 10:00-12:00

Attendance

MEMBERS:

Natasha Adwaters, WCHS/Ready To Learn Center Program
Leica Anzaldo, Autism Society of NC
Nell Barnes, Learning Together
Patti Beardsley, WCHS-DD
Debby Brooks, Parent/Frankie Lemmon School
Donellia Chives, Telamon Corporation
Allison Crumpler, Raleigh Therapy Services
Vicki Dailey, Raleigh Therapy Services
Laurie Finn, WCHS-CSCP
Kathi Gillaspy, Community Partnerships
Janet Godbold, Wake County Preschool Services
Gerry Highsmith, Pediatric Therapy Associates
Lillian Matthews, Tammy Lynn Center

Cheri Miller, White Plains Children's Center
Jennifer Pfaltzgraff, Parent/The Arc of Wake County
Cindy Redd, Parent/Hospital Home Intervention Program
Susan Schiewe, Wake County Child Health Clinic
Juliellen Simpson-Vos, TelAbility
Anna Troutman, Wake County Smart Start
Val Wilson, Project Enlightenment

VISITORS:

Vivian Eto, CCSA
Jessica Erceg, Tammy Lynn Center
Robin Hamilton Brooks, Tammy Lynn Center
Michelle Martin, Community Partnerships
Stephanie Dellinger, CDSA

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

- New staff, vacant positions, new programs/projects, upcoming meetings, training events
 - Project Enlightenment will be celebrating 40 years! Save Saturday, April 10th from 10-2 to come celebrate – more information to come!
 - Family Support Network brought brochures for the next Give and Take series for families. It is a 6 week course led by Dr. Hal Shigley; it is held in the evening at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh. Have families respond quickly – it fills up fast.
 - PTA will have an Amtryke display and giveaway in March 2010. They will do free assessments in any of their offices for any child and one will win a bike. Additional information can be found on their website. These bikes are appropriate for children with moderate to severe disabilities and priority will be given to children in Wake County.
 - The Arc of Wake County has several upcoming fundraisers, including a wine tasting on 3/24/10 and the No Hassle Valentine Ball on 2/13/10.
 - The Tammy Lynn Center is seeking a Day Services Manager; resumes may be sent to Lillian Matthews. Minimum requirements include a degree in special education and a teaching license, as well as a year of administrative experience.
 - Early Head Start is hiring 9 home visitors to carry a caseload of 12 and one home visitor to carry a caseload of 10. Applications and qualifications can be found on the Telemon website (www.telemon.org).
 - WATCH: The Autism case study has been rescheduled for 1/29/10 from 12:30 – 2:00. On 2/12/10, the second part of the series, Eating for Autism (review of the book by that name) will occur. Part three is scheduled for 3/12/10 and will include a presentation of the DVD "Autistic Like: Graham's Story". The Run, Walk and Roll is scheduled for 5/1/10. There is an application developed by the Resource Fair Committee that is available to reserve a table. The cost is \$100 for for-profit agencies, \$25 for non-profit, and free to parent, non-revenue generating groups.
- Next Steering Committee Meeting: Monday, January 25th 12:00-1:30 at Project Enlightenment
- Next LICC Meeting: Tuesday, February 9th 12:00-2:30pm @ Project Enlightenment. First of the 3 Part Forum Series: "Business and Finance Practices"





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Update on the NC Autism Society's John Rex Endowment Training Grant- Leica Anzalo

The Autism Society is starting the third year of a three year grant received from the John Rex Endowment. The purpose of this grant is to provide education and resources to the medical community and to parents to raise awareness and comfort in treating individuals with autism, and to empower parents to seek help to make accommodations within the health care system to create modifications for their children. In year 1, the program took an assessment of the knowledge and needs; from this, a 45 minute presentation was created and has been used in lunch and learn sessions in physician offices across the county. In addition, program staff encouraged physicians to screen children twice before the age of 2 by giving them screening tools to use and strategies for the implementation of the screening tools. Resource kits including local resources, referral information the MCHAT were given to providers. For parents, strategies for planning and preparing for medical visits were developed. Patient surveys were created (and are available on the website) for families to fill out prior to visits. In year 2, the lunch and learn sessions continued, and the presentation was modified for pediatric dental providers and several departments within Wake Med. A video was developed for children to watch prior to their visits in an effort to help them know what to expect. Kits with sensory toys were created for calming and entertaining children during visits. In year 3, they will be working on getting to all the pediatric offices they can (this is where they need the help of the LICC), and to further their partnership with Wake Med. They are currently seeking funding to replicate the project across the state, particularly in rural areas. If copies of any materials are needed, contact Leica at lanzaldo@autismsocietync.org or call her at 743-0204. Many will be available on the website in the future.

Agency Updates:

Raleigh CDSA, Stephanie Dellinger: There are currently 8 vacant EISC positions at the CDSA, and caseloads are very high.

Wake County Public Schools, Janet Godbold: Positions have been frozen again (earlier than it happened last year). Preschool Services has started a new classroom at Root Elementary. Other classrooms are getting full already.

Smart Start, Anna Troutman: Under the direction of the WCSS Board of Directors, the program planning committee examined the systemic issues which contributed to the downward trend in the saturation rate for children 3-5 years old who received an IEP. The overall analysis reflected two basic trends: the population of 3-5 year olds has increased but the number of children served through PSES has not increased; and, the number of notifications has increased as well as the number of children determined ineligible. Committee and members of the community looked at possible reasons for the downward trend and developed a report. The next step, we believe, is to include the broader community in looking at questions for further investigation. Anna asked for volunteers who would be interested in serving on a task force to review the report and recommend strategies to the LICC.

Ready to Learn/ Child Service Coordination (WCHS), Laurie Finn: There is a hiring freeze at WCHS and an additional \$5m in cuts must be identified.

Developmental Disabilities, Patti Beardsley: 100 new slots were identified for support waivers (\$17.5k per year) and 42 comprehensive slots. WCHS DD is currently working to identify people to fill these slots before the end of January. Effective March 1, 2010, targeted case management (TCM) will be limited to 3 hours/month; this will hit provider agencies hard because they will have to increase caseloads in order to manage the cuts in funding.

Forum Logistics to be determined

Final forum logistics were determined, including dates, times, and locations. The first will be Tuesday February 9th at 12:00. Attendees will be asked to bring their lunch and LICC will provide drinks and snacks. Janet Godbold offered to facilitate the discussion at each meeting and Kathi Gillaspay will take minutes. Within each category, the meetings will be structured to begin with a discussion of the key issues that are impacting providers, then





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move into a discussion of strategies currently in place, and finish with a discussion (brainstorming) on how to thrive (what do we do? What are next steps?). Input from the group will be finalized into the details of the sessions at steering committee (see meeting date above), and information will come out shortly. Please forward the flier from Jennifer about all the sessions as quickly as possible to all contacts to boost attendance.

LICC Steering Committee Members

Juliellen Simpson-Vos, Professional Co-Chair
Jennifer Pfaltzgraff, Parent Co-Chair
Val Wilson, Goal Area I
Patti Beardsley, Goal Area II
Anna Troutman, Goal Area II
Nell Barnes, Goal Area III
Gerry Highsmith, Goal Area III
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