



WAKE COUNTY LOCAL INTER-AGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

October 13th, 2009 LICC Meeting Minutes Project Enlightenment 10:00-12:00

Attendance

MEMBERS:

Natasha Adwaters, WCHS/Ready To Learn Center Program
Patti Beardsley, WCHS-DD
Lin Causey, Governor Morehead Preschool
Cynthia Chamblee, Project Enlightenment
Maya McElrath, Telamon Corp. NC Head Start
Laurie Finn, WCHS-CSCP
Kathi Gillaspay, Community Partnerships
Marcia Mandel, CDSA
Ellen Canavan, Tammy Lynn Center
René Morrison, Parent/FSN of Wake County
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
Christy Smith, Child Care Services Assoc.
Anna Troutman, Wake County Smart Start
Terrie Wilson, WCPSS
Val Wilson, Project Enlightenment

GUESTS:

Kayla Stanley, Meredith College
Sandra Huffman, Meredith College

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

- Next Steering Committee Meeting: Monday, October 26th, 12-2 @ Project Enlightenment.
- Next LICC Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th from 10-12 @ Project Enlightenment

Announcements:

- Family Support Network: The Preschool Transition meeting scheduled for this evening has been cancelled. FSN of Wake is taking over another CDSA catchment area – more information will be available soon.
- Update from Goal Area I: Fliers for the next Make and Take session for families are now available. Dates are Monday November 30th from 6:30 until 8 p.m. and Tuesday December 1st from 10-11:30 a.m. LICC is paying for parents to attend this time. Parents must RSVP with Val to be able to attend.
- Telability:
 - Upcoming Videoconferences: 10/30 from 12:30 – 2:30 Physical Therapy for children on the Autism Spectrum. Host sites are the Raleigh CDSA, PTA and Tammy Lynn. On November 6, the CDSA will be hosting a session on maternal post partum depression. It will be from 9 – 10:30 in the morning. On November 13th from 12:30 – 2:30 there will be a question and answer session with Linda King Thomas on Sensory Integration Dysfunction. Register for all events with Juliellen.
 - Telability is starting a new partnership with NCREN to facilitate videoconferences. This change will allow more than 4 sites to participate in videoconferences, and allow for streaming and recording of events.

Agency Updates:

Raleigh CDSA - Marcia Mandel: EISC caseloads are very high so please be understanding. There are six vacancies, 4 of which are EISC positions. The posting and hiring process is inconsistent and slow at the moment. The CDSA continues to monitor how case management consolidation will impact the delivery of early intervention service coordination. Rate cuts were passed down for case management and services. The CDSA does have access to ARRA funds for operational purposes – this allowed for two EISC positions to be filled.

Wake County Public Schools – Terri Wilson: Janet Godbold started back to work today.

Smart Start - Anna Troutman: No update this month.

Ready to Learn - Natasha Adwaters: no update this month.

Child Service Coordination - Laurie Finn: CSC also continues to monitor how case management consolidation will affect their services as well. They are currently ensuring mandated services and are advocating for streamlined documentation requirements. Five positions are currently open.





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Developmental Disabilities - Patti Beardsley: Tier I CAP slots will be available and Wake County will get some of these. The entire LME is moving to the Whittaker Mill address from the Falstaff Rd. location – once this is done, the reorganization will be complete. Rate cuts were made to targeted case management, but were not as bad as had been projected, which is good for area providers of that service.

Discussion Items:

LICC Child Find and Transitions Report: This report has been compiled and submitted to the Early Intervention Branch. This year's report is significantly different from last year's report. This is reflective of budget cuts (personnel not able to do as much as they had been able to in previous years, positions cut). As an LICC we did more with agencies serving the homeless and those involved in domestic violence. While this shows small progress in our outreach, we had an overall decline in outreach efforts. Juliellen will email the report to the membership, and goal areas can discuss how to address areas of need identified in this year's report.

LICC Mini-grant Funds: Funds are currently available for application from the NC-ICC. \$350 may be requested for parent stipends, child find or transition activities. Kathi Gillaspay, treasurer, gave an update on funds currently held by the LICC. The overall balance is \$1,433.35. This includes \$487.79 in parent stipends, \$542.50 in web funds (monies taken in from participating agencies in the website, set aside for website maintenance), and \$178.06 in various other funds. It also includes a minigrant of \$225 that the RICC received and never spent. A lengthy discussion (mostly centered around case management consolidation, information and advocacy) followed about what to use the \$350 in this year's application to accomplish. The end result of the conversation was to focus on the areas other than parent stipends (since we have sufficient funds in this area at the moment). Kathi and Juliellen will complete the application and submit it for consideration.

LICC Attendance (recruiting new members and bringing back the old): The Steering Committee requested input from membership to determine why there has been a drop in attendance at meetings and to brainstorm ways to build attendance at monthly meetings. Several things were shared, including:

- Billable hours (many members need to see children in that 10-12 time)
- Focus of discussion (task specific vs. community wide issues)
- Goals were developed in 2007 and were meant to carry us until 2010 – many of them have been accomplished- do we need new ones?

The group decided that a survey using Survey Monkey might be a good way to assess what impacts participation from those that have not been in attendance. Several questions were generated; the Steering Committee will finalize the questions and send out the survey prior to the next meeting.

Other Discussion: As mentioned above, the group had a lengthy discussion about issues affecting the state service system, particularly budget cuts and the implications on services such as case management. There was a great deal of information shared, and members discussed how the LICC might respond to the changes that the state is proposing. Concern for families and the information they need was the focus of much of the conversation. The efforts of several community groups were shared, and ideas for how the LICC might facilitate a connection between all these groups on behalf of children and families were generated. The Steering Committee will take the information from the conversation and determine next steps.

Co-Chair for Goal Area I needed: Karen Nolfo has had to step down from this position; another person is needed to help Val on this committee.

