

Early Childhood Task Force

Meeting minutes

Keokuk 1-22-2020

This meeting of the ECTF was held at Dr Getwell's in Keokuk at 9:30 am with the following present:

Ginger Knisley – Children First, Missy Park – LCHD HOPES, Carolyn Baker – community member, Kathy Osipowicz – CPS technician, Jodi Norton – CCR&R, Amy Hayes – LCHD CCNC, Jamie Beskow – LCHD 1st Five, Rachael Patterson-Rahn – LCHD I-Smile, Sarah Tweedy – Raisin Em Up

Today's agenda was accepted as written with the addition of discussion for planning the combined meeting with the board in February.

There was a **motion** by Kathy and a second by Missy to accept the **minutes** from the previous meeting on 12/18/19 as written. All voted aye.

Ginger provided a written **administrative update** including updates on legislative efforts, PDG, area grants, and board membership vacancies. Ginger shared that Kathy has agreed to join the Children First board as the Lee County Education representative. Jamie requested Ginger send her a synopsis of what is required of board members so she can share with prospective members in Van Buren County. In regards to the CAPC effort to train individuals on Common Sense Parenting, it was agreed that it would be good to bring in the schools as well as community volunteers. Sarah and Leeanne both expressed interest in being trained. Jamie recommended Sarah Butler-Schoup from Burlington as a possible community person as well.

Mental Health – Jamie shared a brief update on the SIEL work as well as an infograph on the 1st Five work. She shared that Lee County providers are implementing post partum depression screenings and making appropriate referrals. They are the only area doing this. Our 1st Five area reached all expected benchmarks in the last fiscal year with Lee and Van Buren doing especially well.

Family Support –Missy did not have anything new to report

Preschool/Child Care –Jodi shared she is having her recruitment event at the Donnellson Library this Saturday and hopes to make contact with some unregistered providers and encourage them to become registered.

Sarah has some interested in purchasing her business and she has hopes of the service continuing in the Donnellson community after 31 years of being there. She has offered her assistance to any new owner in order for the transition to be positive for all those involved. There are currently approximately 60 children from 33 families receiving services from her. Thus far only one of those families has made alternate arrangements. She also reported that she has gotten the Central Lee School to take a look at before and after school programming. Jodi also shared that it has been verified that if buyer and seller

are agreeable, background checks for staff can transfer to the new site owner in the event a child care business is sold and keeps operating.

Amy is starting out on site visits and it is going well. She will be a certified CPR trainer tomorrow and is $\frac{3}{4}$ finished with her CCNC certification course which has been quite intensive.

Oral Health – Rachael had nothing new to report but did have a story to share about a child in Davis County who had such poor oral health he had started losing weight. I-Smile has been providing care coordination and he should be getting services soon. Sarah shared that Donnellson was now on Rathbun water and she believes that water is safe for young children (Donnellson water was too high in Fluoride content). Rachael will double check but she believes Sarah is correct that the Rathbun water is safe.

Other business – Planning for combined meeting – Ginger will focus the conversation on current trends and issues and legislative activity as appropriate and pertinent to the EC work.

Also in other business, Ginger asked for input on trying to create a quick, one page resource page for school counselors to reference when working with families and children in crisis.

Carolyn has a page of hotline numbers she will send to Ginger

Missy will forward a response she got from an interagency member on the topic

It was discussed that perhaps entities such as LCHD and Community Action could be listed as general points of contact and referral for certain topics.

This meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

The next meeting of the ECTF will be Tuesday, February 4th at 12:30 pm at the Community Room in Donnellson in combination with the Children First Board.

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