

## Minutes from the September 3, 2008 joint LICC meeting

Attendees: Diane Roman, Northumberland County Early Intervention; Denise Wehr Wetzell, Snyder, Union, Mifflin Child Development – PEEK; Ruth Brewer, CSIU Preschool; Donna Pauling, Nurse Family Partnership; Brenda Miller, CSIU Parent Child Home Project; Crystie Fritz, CMSU 0-3 Service Coordinator, Pegi Keller, CSIU Early Intervention, Beth Cherwinski, CEG of Columbia & Montour, Susan Bolig, CMSU Parent to Parent; and Becky Laubach, CMSU 0-3 Early Intervention

**Committee Updates:** Two committees have not met yet due to the commitment of the committee members to other projects (education and merging). The Family Activity Committee has been busy planning for fall activities. The committee has planned on 2 events for all early intervention families that include a variety of educational activities. The activities will take place in October and occur at Montour Preserve and the Sunbury Marina. A flyer will be sent to programs to distribute to families. Door prizes will be provided by the Parent Child Home Project.

### **Program Updates:**

**Early Intervention:** 1) July 1, 2008 saw the implementation of the same evaluation report and service plan documents for both age groups. The groups are getting used to the forms. 2) Both Northumberland County and CMSU 0-3 will begin using PELICAN January 2009. PELICAN (Pennsylvania's Enterprise of Linking Information for Children Across Networks) is a software system layered upon existing software used within the Department of Welfare programs. This system allows for evaluation and planning information to be entered; billing will also come out of it down the road. Various types of data can be accessed from the system. Eventually the EIRS (Early Intervention Reporting System) currently used for data entry will no longer be used. Providers will be completing a survey and will enroll teachers in Promise in December. 3) Both county programs and CSIU are preparing for their upcoming verifications.

**PEEK:** One teacher has resigned. The initial round of interviews did not go as well as planned and they are still looking. The position is 30-40 hours/week and 220days/year.

**Nurse Family Partnership:** Donna reviewed their program criteria: 1<sup>st</sup> time pregnant mom by 28<sup>th</sup> week. They will stay in for 2 ½ years. Two of their goals include healthy outcome for pregnancy and to increase economic sufficiency. At present, they are trying to expand into Union County.

**Parent Child Home Project:** They have 128 families enrolled. Their program now accepts children 15-36 months. They have a few families on the waiting list. They would like to expand into Union County (if funding becomes available) and have started in Snyder County. Staff recently completed Safe crisis management.

**Community Engagement Group:** Beth reviewed dates for the children's fair in 2009. They have applied for a professional development grant which would provide for presenters.

**Resource Group:** First meeting for the group will be on Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at the Milton CSIU Head Start building from 6-7:30 pm. Jessica from Communication Mentors in Sunbury will present. Communication Mentors is available at no cost to individuals enrolled in Northumberland County MH/MR; assistance can be available to those outside of Northumberland County for a fee.

### **New Business:**

No new business was discussed.

**Next meeting: Nov 5, 2008 Northumberland MH/MR office, Sunbury 10 am.**