



EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERAGENCY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA

March 3, 2009 – 11:30 to 1:00

SDC Head Start

5885 S. Packard Ave., Cudahy (53110)

(414) 482-0101.

Lunch will be provided

PLEASE enter your organizations' events on ECIC website calendar

"How to" Information attached to April 2002 Agenda – We are looking for a volunteer to input this information. Pattie Connell has agreed to input info until we get a new student volunteer. You may contact Pattie at Curative

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11:30 Announcements and Promotion of Members' Programs

If possible please bring or email d-lpizur@execpccom.a written copy of your announcement.

12:00 Head Start

Patrick Fendt Program Coordinator and

Fredricka Patrick Education Supervisor/Site Supervisor

If time permits

Discuss more about Appreciative Inquiry?

Future topic ideas, WIC, W2, New Dept. of Wisconsin Children & Families, Sen. Jeff Pale, presentations by member organizations.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Meeting location Family Life Center 5880 S. Howell Ave.

Topic domestic Violence and its effects on children –

Debra Fields Community Education and Prevention Coordinator for Sojourner Family Peace Center.

Council website – ecicouncil.org

Meeting Minutes – Feb. 3, 2009

Thank you to the Cudahy Health Dept for hosting and the Cudahy Family Library for providing the location.

Announcement and Attendance:

CESA 1, Cindy Prendergast – unable to attend.

Cudahy Family Library, Rebecca Roepke – Thank you for allowing the ECIC to have our meeting at your wonderful facility. In the future hope to send a children's librarian to ECIC meetings.

Cudahy Health Dept, Ed Wrench – Starting to work on next fall Safe Kids Walk Your Child to School event.

Curative Care Network, Pattie Connell – Unable to attend.

FLC playgroup leader & Parent Liaison for Cudahy School Dist - Gail Kolvenbach – Unable to attend. Playgroups Cudahy Library 2nd and 4th Fridays, Oak Creek Library 1st and 3rd Fridays, Franklin Library 1st and 3rd Mondays.

Franciscan Villa Childcare, Lisa Lenyard - unable to attend

Franklin School District, Mary Hansen – Will have workshop, starting Feb 24th on Wisconsin Early Learning Standards. Will open up the workshop to people outside of the Franklin School District. District is talking about K4 program. Will host May ECIC meeting.

Mary Linsmeier Schools-So. Milw, Kathy Monson & Tammy Scheln– unable to attend

Parents Plus, Patrice Knox – SDC Youth and Development Program adding parent education which Parents Plus will provide.

Prince of Peace, Mary Ashley and Tracy Civel, - unable to attend.

Oak Creek Health Dept., Mary Lee Barrett, – Starting up doing ASQ again. Looking for funds to do health checks for income eligible children. Children that receive "Health Check" are eligible for additional health services after their initial exam.

Oak Creek Public Library, Karen Dorn – unable to attend.

SE Regional CYSHCN Center, Brad Holman – Interested in ASQ and is being trained. Interested in special target populations such as children with autism. The CDC and Assoc. Center on Disabilities is interested in training General Practitioners on developmental screenings and referrals, will keep ECIC posted as initiative goes forward. Children's Hospital is finishing a new 12 story addition. The CYSHCN Center will be housed in the new building at the end of March. The Center had resources on special health care needs. Children's Hospital is currently 300 bed hospital.

St. Ann's Center Child Care, Shelly Reynolds – unable to attend

St. Francis Public Library, Susan Lyles – No announcements

So. Milwaukee Health Dept, Jackie Benka – Shared Hope Newsletter and brochure Take Control of Carbon Monoxide in your Home. Accidents are 100% preventable. Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Poison Center 1-800-222-1222. Speaker for April Debra Fields Community Education and Prevention Coordinator for Sojourner Family Peace Center.

South Milwaukee School District, Anna Borden – Serving 2 new preschoolers at Cudahy Head Start. SM planning community forum will be held Tuesday, Feb. 10th. Some goals are to establish a network, improve child find and organize a community fair/developmental days.

South Milwaukee Public Library, Denise Herr – In the middle of doing storytimes. Planning summer activities, theme "Be Creative"

UW-Extension, Tina Ginners – Unable to attend – Touchpoint workshop to be held Feb. 21.

FLC-Director & Project Concern -Co-Director & ECIC co-chair, Debby Pizur –

FLC – Handed out Activity Booklets. Doing ASG. Finished moving from old location to house attached to the St. Stephen Church.

PC – Serving a large number of patrons. Handed out A parents' Guide to Community Resources in Milwaukee, put out by Milwaukee Teen Parent Task Force, Hope Network Newsletter, Parenting Works from Children's Health Education Center and Consumer Information Catalog – www.pueblo.gsa.gov

Presentation:

To complete the new website www.ecicouncil.org

Members need to:

Give feedback to Debby and/or Jill – jill@mousebytez.com – by all members

Suggest corrections or additions to Debby and/or Jill – by all members

Give permission to have you/your organization listed as a member. Send to Jill – by all members

Give permission to have you/your organizations email and/or website linked to the ECIC website. Send to Jill– by all members

Copy of History needs to be sent to Jill. – Debby will provide

Need deadline – deadline set as March 31st.

Suggest changes to the Program page. (After the meeting Debby made a suggestion of using info from ECIC brochure with the heading of Features and Accomplishments.)

Need content for volunteer page – need a volunteer

Need to know if anyone wants to be listed as a contact for ECIC – if you are interested contact Debby and/or Jill

Form will be put on website so people can email Debby.

All in attendance agreed that they liked the pictures on the site. A suggestion was made to make the pictures at the top of the subsequent pages different from the picture on the home page.

Members want a refresher on how to add activities on the ECIC yahoo calendar – Pattie Connell was asked to provide directions.

We will once again review the website in June.

Directory part of the website will be worked on this summer. It was suggested that all information be collected again rather than using the current Resource Directory as it was completed several years ago.

Thank you to Jill for all her work and producing such an attractive, colorful site.

Thank you to St. Francis art students.

Need to send thank you to South Milwaukee School District for hosting site in the past. – Debby will send thank you.

Past group discussion- ECIC -

- Comment on the need by some members to get more detailed information on member organizations.
- Have member organizations invite like organizations to ECIC meeting and talk about their connection to the ECIC. St. Francis library will host and invite area librarians to attend the ECIC meeting.
- Tabled discussion of feedback questions.
- Last years comments: topics to cover in the future: Parents Plus, Wisc. Children & Families, WIC, Head Start, CESA 1
- Question was raise on resources for parents- lending library of toys/equipment for children with special needs. Possible sources Katie's Closet, CESA 1, and SM Library. Is there a need for more resources? If so does the ECIC want to take on that project?

September discussion

Appreciative Inquiry-What works?

Linda Hurst – Collaborating Partners

- Think back about your membership in the ECIC.
- What do you think was a high point for the ECIC?
- What do you like most about the ECIC?

What are your 3 wishes for the future of the ECIC?

Lisa Lenyard shared PowerPoint presentation that was given at the Collaboration Conference. Anyone have ideas to enrich the presentation?

(Previous discussion) Assumptions of Appreciative Inquiry

In every society, organization, or group, something works.

What we focus on becomes our reality.

Reality is created in the moment, and there are multiple realities.

The act of asking questions of an organization or group influences the group in some way.

People have more confidence and comfort to journey to the future (the unknown) when they carry forward parts of the past (the known).

If we carry parts of the past forward, they should be what are best about the past

It is important to value differences.

The language we use creates our reality.

(Nov. Discussion)

What do you think was a high point for the ECIC?

PAT program

Connecting with others and sharing info received with families that are served.

Grant money received in the past.

The diverse organizations that belong to the Council.

What do you like most about the ECIC?

Information sharing

Building relationship that help members serve families

Partnering

The communication between agencies prevents duplication of services.

What are your 3 wishes for the future of the ECIC?

Continue/increase collaboration/membership

Money to support Council and activities

Finish website and utilize it

Have members share leadership role.

Follow-up on people/organizations that are no longer a part of the ECIC.

St. Luke's South Shore to become a place to hold trainings.

Expand

Learn more about member organizations.

Find an effective way to share information received by council members with others.

I wish a rich person would leave an endowment to the ECIC in their will.

Additional discussion

Think about doing another Family Fun Night. Or perhaps do a resource night or child development days. These events could be done in conjunction with the cities' community night outs.

Resources available at www.collaboratingpartners.com

Compile list of members – Susan Lyles and Shelly Reynolds have volunteered to complete this task.

Develop a new directory

Funds maybe available for a small project from regional mini-grant. Proposal needs to be put together and submitted to Linda Hurst.

Perhaps the Council should investigate grant opportunities. Marquette University has a grant library.

Due to shrinking budgets – should host charge a small amount for lunch? Kathy Monson volunteered to help any host look for a donation for lunch.

Topic in the future Birth to 3 changes. Has the move of Curative out of Cudahy impacted families? What is happening with Head Start?

An Overview of The Child Development Days Model and Community Coordinated Screening System was shared