

Cumberland Valley DEIC Minutes June 2, 2006

Nancy Stivers, Co-Chair did welcome and introductions.

Sub-Committee Updates: Chairs and co-chairs were picked for each sub-committee

Operations – Penny Williamson and Robert Day, of the ECU TA Team will co-chair this committee. The Operations Committee will meet prior to the Sept. DEIC to nominate officers for the upcoming two years. This will be done in time to vote on the new officers at the Sept. meeting. It was reported and later found out that the CVDEIC has \$975.00 left in the budget for the remainder of the Fiscal Year 2006. This money must be spent by the end of June. Ginger Brashear made the motion to spend the remaining money on child find/First Steps public awareness materials. Barbara Steele seconded. Motion was made by Barbara Steele to spend around \$400.00 to send a family to the Infant Toddler Conference which will be held in August. This money would pay for two nights lodging, mileage, and a daily stipend for meals. Susan Burgan seconded.

Transition – Ginger Brashear and Barbara Steele will co-chair this committee. The Transition Committee will meet at 8:30 at the Cumberland Valley District Health Dept. Administrative office prior to the DEIC Sept. meeting to discuss revisions, additions, or corrections, so the agreement can be presented to the members at the September meeting.

Training – Penny Williamson and Susan Burgan will co-chair this committee. The Upper Cumberland Special Education Co-Op will be hosting a Summer institute for parents and providers, as well as school system educators on June 14-15 at North Laurel High School. The Infant Toddler Conference will be held in August in Northern Kentucky at the Drawbridge in. Any PSC that has a family that would be interested in attending should contact Nancy Stivers, Penny Williamson, or Robert Day. Penny Williamson will get in touch with officer O'Bannon of the Kentucky State Police to provide training on Meth awareness at the September meeting. Nancy Stivers will contact the Berea RTC about scheduling a training on the Kentucky Early Childhood Standards for the December meeting.

Child Find/ Public Awareness/ Provider Find – Louise Reid will chair this committee. It was discussed that this committee needs to focus more on finding providers, than children, as referrals are up at this time. Robert Day reported that he has recruited several new providers who will be able to serve the area soon. He also reported that provider shortage is a statewide crisis and Cumberland Valley District is actually doing better than most districts as far as provider shortages go. Barbara Steele requested that if any provider does any kind of child find activity to please contact the Point of Entry office, so they can put it on their monthly and quarterly reports.

Membership – This committee is working on updating the e-mail list. If any provider or school person has a new e-mail address, they should contact Robert Day at

Robert.Day@ky.gov, or Nancy.Stivers@Clay.kyschools.gov with their updated e-mail address. If you are not getting DEIC or First Steps information, please do this as soon as possible.

First Steps TA Report - Robert Day reported the state Interagency Coordinating Council and the First Steps Administration has finally recognized the crisis involving provider shortages across the state. A committee has been formed to investigate this, and the First Steps Administration is allotting money to advertise and recruit new providers.

Point of Entry Report – Barbara Steele reported that they are almost 100% in meeting their 45 day timeline. The reason for the few cases where it was not possible were family driven. Barbara Steele also made a request to the school systems that if they had any Deaf/Hard of Hearing teachers that are contracted by the schools, their services could be used if they become First Steps providers, or Primary Level Evaluators.

Head Start Report – Juanita Wells reported that so far this year they had 14 First Steps children and were expecting to get more. She reminded the DEIC that if anyone who has a child who will be 3 by October 1st, that child will be eligible for Head Start on his or her birthday.

School Report – Ginger Brashear, chairwoman of the Upper Cumberland Special Education Co-Op is going to prepare a report of how many First Steps children have successfully transitioned into the preschool system. Nancy Stivers reported that the Clay Co. School District is doing pretty well about identifying and transitioning children that were in First Steps. Lisa Robinson, Laurel Co. stated that she is still getting names of children that have not been served by First Steps and fallen through the cracks.

New Business – Bonnie Fenwick, nurse for the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs, brought information and pamphlets regarding services provided by the Commission. Nancy Stivers handed out brochures about preschool services. These brochures can be found on the Kentucky Dept. of Education website.

Next Meeting Date – Friday, September 8, 2006 at 9:30 at the Laurel Co. Public Library.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Williamson