

## **Transition and Child Find Committees**

*Grant, Miami, and Wabash counties*

**Location:** Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market Street, Wabash, IN 46992

**Date:** February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Time:** 10:10am – 11:00am

**Meeting participants:** Kaeleigh Porter (LPCC Coordinator), Amanda Perkins (Intake Coordinator), Jodi Curtis (Coordinator Supervisor), Cheri Culver (Wabash LEA), Goldie Reynolds (Service Coordinator), Laura Fulton (Maconaquah LEA), Lily Osborn (SPOE Director), Donna Fawcett (North Miami LEA), Natalie Owsley (FS Intern)

Kaeleigh Porter welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Meeting minutes were reviewed with no changes to be made. Donna Fawcett was first to motion approval; Laura Fulton was second.

### **Updates:**

#### **First Steps:**

Lily Osborn updated the committee members on the First Steps State Director. Anne Davis is currently taking over the position until it is filled. Lily reported that Marion office is fully staffed. New employees consist of Katey Boller, covering Grant County, and Goldie Reynolds, covering Miami and Wabash counties. Assessment Team is fully staffed but an OT is needed in Grant County.

#### **School System:**

**North Miami:** Donna Fawcett reported that there is a preschool coordinator's meeting coming up in March. Lily asked if First Steps is going well. Donna said that everything is going well and that all of the children attend preschool in North Miami with about 10 children in the classroom.

**Maconaquah:** Laura Fulton reported that pre-kindergarten round-up is April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am-2:00pm and is an open house layout with screening available as well. Laura stated that the kindergarten round-up will be the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>. Both round-ups will take place at Pipe Creek Elementary school.

**Wabash/Peru Schools:** Cheri Culver reported that everything is going well. Cheri stated that there are 4 classrooms in her area; 1 in Manchester, 1 in Peru and 2 in the city of Wabash.

Jodi Curtis questioned what everyone's summer schedule looks like. Laura stated that she has 3 weeks off during the summer but if a transition meeting needs to be held she can make it work. All LEA's reported that they do transition meetings in the family's home. Kaeleigh Porter reported that not all LEA's do home meetings so it's great that they all do. Laura asked why other LEA's did not do home visits. Kaeleigh explained that there are multiple reasons; lack of flexibility, too many referrals to do home based meetings, and families need to transition into having meetings at the school. Laura stated that it has been a great experience for her because of the information you can obtain during the meeting. Donna explained that it is required to do home based visits, if needed. Jodi stated that funds are not there either to accommodate travel expenses/mileage. Amanda Perkins wanted to inform Donna that she will work to have Donna present for Initial IFSP's during the summer, if child is 29 months or older, but if scheduling conflicts arise then the ongoing service coordinator can follow up with Donna once school is in session. Donna stated that she enjoys doing home based transition meetings because she likes to be

present in the child's natural environment and can be the face for the school system. Laura stated that she likes to complete evaluations closest to third birthday because a lot can change if you evaluate too early. Donna requested that if relevant information arises to please make the school aware of it so it can be considered in evaluation.

**Head Start:** No representative present to report.

**Early Head Start (EHS):** No representative present to report.

**Agencies:** No representative present to report.

**Preschools:** No representative present to report.

**Transition Events:**

Kaeleigh Porter reported of a resource fair that she attended last weekend at Northrop High School in Fort Wayne. Kaeleigh asked group if they had any ideas on Child Find or community outreach activities that First Steps could be present for. Cheri Culver provided information on an inservice on autism presented by Cathy Pratt. This will be at Wabash Middle School on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Kaeleigh will check calendar to see if she can have a booth at the event.

Donna stated that she does not work during the summer. Kaeleigh asked the committees if they would be okay switching the meeting to Wednesdays instead of Mondays. The group agreed that this would be okay or work better for them.

There were no other questions or comments. Laura Fulton motioned to end the meeting and Donna Fawcett seconded.

Meeting adjourned.