

CLAY COUNTY IEIC MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

Attended by: Shannon Dahlberg- DGF Schools, Jill Hinkle- Parent, Robin Grooters- Moorhead EIS, Jennifer Butze- Moorhead EIS, Ashley Nelson- Moorhead EIS, Ashley Tweten- CCRI, Wayne Ingersoll- County Commissioner, Dawn Tommerdahl- Collaborative, Lindsay Kirk- Social Services, Marisa Bengtson- Parent

Welcome: Shannon, as Chair, welcomed the group and opened the meeting.

Review of Minutes: The group reviewed the minutes from the May meeting. Jen Butze motioned to accept the minutes as written and Lindsay Kirk seconded; motion carried.

Agency Updates:

Moorhead EIS: Jennifer introduced Robin Grooters as the new Program Manager. The Probstfield building has been busy with having Kindergarten, Head Start, EIS, and ECFE classes in the building. Jennifer reported their enrollment has remained steady. They are having a family night on October 7th- information is going out soon. They have a new vision teacher in the district and some of her time will be with EIS. Three EIS staff are part of a state team working on how to embed interventions into children's routines.

CCRI: Ashley shared that CCRI is having their annual fundraiser this Saturday; she passed out fliers. Funds raised will go to activity fees and other items that clients wouldn't otherwise be able to afford.

Arc: Donna passed out information about the zoo event this Sunday, pumpkin patch activity on Oct. 10th, and Down Syndrome Conference on Nov. 20th. Dances are starting and will be the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. The Arc is having a Halloween party on Oct. 25th- open to all ages. Arc of MN Conference is Oct. 8-9. Rest & Rejuv event for parents is on Oct. 16th. Website: www.arcwestcentral.org

Collaborative: Dawn passed out information on upcoming Brown Bag Lunches and a list of other events coming up. There will be a book discussion on "Transforming the Difficult Child" by Howard Glasser starting in October. There is a training coming up for professionals and parents on Oct 29-30. See website for details: <http://www.claycountycollaborative.org/>

Social Services: Lindsay shared that the Disability Unit is short one worker, and one of the supervisors, Nicole Names, accepted a director position at another county this summer.

DGF: Shannon stated that enrollment for early childhood in DGF is down right now. They reduced their early childhood position to .5 for now. She also reminded the group about Rebel News and invited people to send her information about upcoming activities to put in newsletter; deadline is 9/23 this month.

Financial Report: Shannon reviewed the financial report. There were no questions.

Flip Video Cameras: Jennifer Butze shared how EIS has been using Flip Videos: evaluation, documenting progress, parent participation, parent/teacher interactions, consultations, and routines-based intervention. They have to have written permission to use videos for specific purposes. Files are large so they try to burn to DVDs if needed for future use or are watched and then deleted. Jen and Ashley reported they are easy to use and are a powerful tool.

Other:

- Any ideas on topics of interest for IEIC meetings: let someone know or e-mail Shannon.
- Next month's meeting we will be having Carolyn Strnad presenting on her new role with MOFAS.
- It was expressed that it would be desirable to have a parent from each district attend IEIC.
- It would be helpful to give more information about IEIC to new members.
- Discussed current status of local Special Education Advisory Panels. Group was interested in having Moorhead come talk to our group about how theirs is run.
- Moorhead EIS is starting a monthly newsletter.

Next meeting: November 17th 12:00-1:00 pm , Family Service Center **Room 4**