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CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

PROCEEDED OVER BY: BVCS EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA

Date: August 16, 2011

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Location: ISU Extension

SIGN-IN AND INTRODUCTIONS: Annette Koster, BVCS ECI; Jolene McDonald, WCCA Head Start; Jon Sondag, WICMHC; Staci Gallup, Northwest AEA; Crystal Price, LSI; Laura Beeck, CCHHH&PH; Glen Barngrover, JCS; Alayan Clancy, Decat/CPPC; Mike Pardun, Denison CSD

Topic/Speaker: Stacy Gallup; Early ACCESS and/or the QPPS verification process – Early ACCESS, Stacy Gallup – Early ACCESS name for Early Intervention Program, serves children and families birth to three years old. The Individual Disabilities Act (IDEA) (Part C) identified the age group to be served. Partnerships include: Department of Human Services (DHS) as the lead agency, Department of Public Health (DPH), Child Health Specialties Clinics (CHSC). Community Partners: Prairie Lakes AEA –lead agency within region, DHS, DPH, CHSC, Early Head Start, Family STEPS, WIC. Purpose of system to work with families to identify need, coordinate services, and provide services. Who should be referred?: Part C - Social/Behavior problems, cognitive delays, feeding difficulties, motor delays, hearing concern, speech language, vision, high probability for developmental delays, and parents who have concerns. Part B is children that have an IEP in school. Anyone can refer but need parental consent. Who qualifies? Children who have a significant delay (25%) in any area. Early ACCESS Team or IFSP team involves: parents, AEA staff, community partners anyone who can benefit the family. Services are provided in the natural environment. Incorporate services with what the parents already do. Services are at no cost to parents, some are billable through Medicaid. If the child has a known condition on a screening shows possible delays 45 calendar days from the call. Service Coordination appointed at time of referral, coordinate IFP, team members know what is going on connects families to communities' resources. AEA contact number 866-503-4636, can call for anywhere in the state Iowa. Early ACCESS is a year round service.

Quality Preschool Program Standards (QPPS): working with preschools going through the QPPS verification process. There are 10 program standards they need to meet. First go through self-assessment, identify areas for improvement, create portfolio, each classroom and program. The portfolio must have supporting documentation to show proof of the standard. Zion and Saint Rose of Lima will be joining Denison Preschool to form a Consortium. Preschool Special Education programs also need to follow QPPS Verification (Schleswig).

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AGENDA REVIEW: Consensus

APPROVAL of PREVIOUS MINUTES: Consensus

EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA:

- ✓ Community Needs : Head Start cut funding for transportation attending preschools. Our Savior had also voiced this need.
 - Head Start finding qualified staff to teach in classrooms.
- ✓ Contracts for FY 12: Annette K shared spread sheets showing School Ready and Early Childhood funding for FY 11.
- ✓ Annette K the Council for input to take to the 3-County Board about expanding scholarship eligibility to 300% of poverty level. Discussion was held. If decrease access make difference in children will stay in preschool, temporary increase for this year. Keep track of the number of children over 200%.
- ✓ Annette K asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to review and revise Section III of the Community Plan, no volunteers form Council member.
- ✓ Conversation was held about the concern over teenage pregnancy in the county. How does the community get a balance, topics to cover at different ages ranging from self-esteem, decision making, healthy choices, etc? Family Link could address family issues. Have a systematically designed curriculum that includes a variety of partners.
- ✓ Dr. ALTO will have a spring event in April. Care coordinators to access what they need get comfortable to know who to contact. Community Service Coordinator for Families do we continue as one entity for Dr. ALTO or expand?
- ✓ Child Care Nurse Consultant 13 registered 25 non-registered, 7 centers, Department of Education Preschools, 3 DHS Licensed, working with 224 families and 776 children.

AGENCY/COMMUNITY SHARING:

WRAP-UP & ADJOURN

Next scheduled meeting for BVCS Crawford Advisory Council:
November 15, 2011

Next scheduled meeting for BVCS 3-County Board meeting "Big Board":
Wednesday November 30th Trinity Lutheran Church in Odebolt at 10:00 am

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