

**Monroe County LEICC Meeting Notes**  
**August 23, 2012**

**Attendees:** Tracey Taylor, Marjorie Dobra, Ann Marie Stephan, Jill Del Vecchio, Kathy McCarthy-Proulx, Robin Adair, Beth Grier-Leva, Pat Graff, Dawn Breitung, Deseré Lester, Cindy Mizerny, Jody Ellis, Karen Stolt, Beth Warner, Vicki Follaco, Judy Warner,

**Scribe: Judy Warner, Monroe County Health Department – Meeting started at 12:40 pm**

Welcome to new attendees & introductions

Motion to approve last minutes: minutes approved

**Ann Marie - Updates:**

**State 2013 Budget**

- State is securing a fiscal agency to take over fiscal piece of EI. Plan is to have agent on board by January 1, 2012 but start by April 1, 2012.
- As of 4/1/13 state will enter into agreements with providers instead of with the counties
- NYSACHO – western region is D. Schwab and Liz Hogan – they make recommendations to NYSACHO – providers also welcomed to make recommendations to State.
- Service Coordinator rate status – the package has expired – needs to be resubmitted – working on it and the revisions to rates.

**NYEIS**

- Continues to challenge everyone who uses it!! Previous release was very slow and losing entries if not saved. Was also causing some billing errors. This last release (version 1.6.1) has improved the slowness.

**Provider Updates**

- Christine Enright-Lipka – joining Step By Step as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Liz Baltus-Hebert – teaching at Nazareth and working at Step By Step and will be with LEICC in a slightly different role.

**Local Determinators Report**

- Ann Marie discussed the report and went over the scores. If the report has N/A the state did not review that item for the 2009-2010 year.
- No reports or data yet from NYEIS
- The purpose of sharing was to see if there were any strengths or area that need improvement. Maybe the Quality Improvement group could work on any suggestions. Let Ann Marie know.

**Tracy – Community Informal Forum**

- The forum will be September 20<sup>th</sup> this year. A meeting was held to go over what needs to be done. They assigned people to do tasks. The event will be held at the Monroe Community Hospital from 8:00am – 9:30am. Room to be announced at a later date. Breakfast foods will be served. There is an issue with parking but we are working on it.

It was decided to keep the same format as last Leg. Breakfast.

- Sign-in
- Tracy to facilitate the first segment of the meeting
- Families to speak – first a family that is in EI, next a family that is in Preschool, and finally a family with a school aged child.
- Also speaking will be Joan Fisher – Independent provider; Someone from FRC (Ann Marie to talk to Mary Jo); Christine Sheffer from Mary Cariola.
- Open Discussion – Ann Marie to facilitate.

Ann Marie said that the target audience should be Senators and Assembly members – they have more of a decision making piece than local reps.

A SAVE the DATE flyer will hopefully be sent out this week.

**Jill DelVecchio** - A formal letter and flyer will be sent out regarding the forum and then a follow-up phone call will be made about a week later to remind people. Need volunteers to make phone calls. (Several members offered to help with this). Let Jill know if a parent wants to speak. They will need to set up a meeting with the parent to go over what to say (so that parent isn't so nervous about "what" to say)

**Tracy** – A folder will be handed out with updated materials (just like last forum). There were 52 people at the last forum; 1 Legislator; 3 other Legislators sent representatives.

A discussion took place about the article in the paper – need to let Legislators know how our programs differ from the rest.

### **Jill & Deseré - Ice Cream Social**

Ice cream social will be held Sunday (Sundae) September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Brighton at Buckland cabin for families in EI.

- There will be a table set up to pass out information to families about LEICC. There will also be a table set up for each sub-committee.
- Jill said they need providers to volunteer to do activities such as crafts, face painting, just "fun" things for the kids and families to do.
- A raffle is planned with such items as certificates to the mall and toys for kids to give to families.
- A Wegman's gift card will be given to the service coordinator who gets the most families to come.
- Families who have children that transitioned in August are encouraged to come also.
- At the end a quick survey will be asked of families to see if there is anyone interested either now or in 6 months to join or help out LEICC.
- Jill said they need help with set-up and clean-up and also ice cream distributing. A sign-up sheet was passed around to sign up for these activities.

### **Tracy – Brief announcements**

- Sharon Shafrir resigned from LEICC – she moved to Corning – she was chair for the Public Awareness Committee – we will need a new chair person
- LEICC Facebook page – takes a lot of time and coordination – on low priority now.

### **Pat Graff – Staff changes**

- Leslie Weigel-Medwetsky has left
- Sue Fisher moving to Preschool vacancy
- Susan Weinburg will now be the EI teacher

**Next meeting: October 24, 2012 Location: TBA**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm**