

CAC Special Education Committee – Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM

In attendance:

Melissa Owens, Sarah Thompson, Ruth Beckner, Robert Salis, Leatrice Satterwhite, Mary Gonzalez, Lisa White, Claudia Diaz, Julio Cholula, Tara Tuntas.

I. Call to order:

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm. Introductions of past members and new committee volunteers. Melissa Owens reviewed CAC membership guidelines and requested that new CAC members make sure they are registered with their respective principals. Mary Gonzalez moved to approve the August 20, 2013 minutes. Lisa White seconded the motion; motion was carried.

II. Discussion 2013 Special Education University:

Sarah Thompson presented the outline for Pat Stauch's (STAR NET) presentation for the SPED-U session on November 13th. The presentation will be in English only, so we do need translation services from the district. Claudia Diaz explained her preferences in translation services – having a live translator can be very distracting for the parents. It would be preferable to either run a Spanish only session, or have translations via headphones as we do for CAC general meetings. Melissa Owens requested that we look into having Beacon record the session for posting to the website. Melissa Waxler sent along copies of the US Dept. of Education publication Parent Power as a possible door prize for the session, and cards from ed.gov for inclusion in the parent packets. Sarah Thompson passed around copies of Chicago Parent magazine; there are two articles that would be good for inclusion in the parent packets.

Action Items:

- *Leatrice Satterwhite will check with Patrick Mogge on session translation and ideas for recording the session.*
- *Leatrice Satterwhite will forward a list of SPED acronyms to Sarah Thompson for use at the session.*
- *Mary Gonzalez will be in charge of refreshments. Melissa Waxler is checking SWEP for cookies or refreshments for the session.*
- *Ruth Beckner will contact Chicago Parent for article reprints.*

III. Discussion of Parent Resource Fair:

Committee again briefly touched on the Resource Fair. We still need to discuss what would be an appropriate charge for a table for for-profit organizations. Funds could be used for refreshments for attendees: there have been a lot of requests for water in the past. It would be nice to also have cookies available.

Attention at this time needs to be focused on new vendor prospects, and soliciting for volunteers. Melissa Owens reported that the event website is set-up; the next step is creating a form on the CAC website for vendors to register, which will help in data collection.

Some discussion on possible panel discussions. ADD/ADHD is a popular topic, as is speech therapy.

Action Items:

- *Sarah Thompson and Melissa Owens will check prior resources for additional/new vendors.*
- *Melissa Owens will continue preparing for our online presence.*
- *Leatrice Satterwhite will look into a presentation on speech therapy and the differences between social & academic therapy goals.*
- **IMPORTANT:** *We need ideas for new vendors, and new focus topics, for this year's Fair for discussion at the next meeting! Please come prepared with some ideas!*

Other Business

No other business was raised. A motion to adjourn was made by Lisa White. Mary Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Next committee meeting will be held on October 15th, 2013 at 6:30pm in room 358, U-46 Educational Services Center at 355 E. Chicago Street, Elgin, IL.

Respectfully submitted by:

Melissa Owens, CAC Special Education Committee Co-Chairperson.

Organization Name	Website	Email	Disability	Location	P	Prof/N	Notes
Kane County CHADD	http://www.chadd.net/template.cfm?affid=240&n=about	kane-county@chadd.net	ADD/ADHD				Website has not been updated in a while
Northern Illinois CHADD, Eric Tivers LCSW, MSSW Family Resource Center on Disabilities	http://www.meetup.com/CHADD-Northern-Illinois/ http://www.ericdivers.com/Mission.html http://www.frcc.org	etivers@aol.com	ADD/ADHD	Round Lake, IL	P		Website has not been updated in a while Eric Tivers, LCSW, MSSW, Eric Tivers is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Certified School Social Worker in private practice. He specializes in working with individuals and families living with ADD, autism spectrum disorders, and other related disorders. Family Resource Center on Disabilities is 100% funded through the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs The Parent & Educator Partnership (PEP) is a focus area of the Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Collaborative (ISTAC). ISTAC is a technical assistance project of the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). The PEP project advances the ISBE's priority to improve the delivery of training, technical assistance, and coaching for parents of school age children and educators.
Parent & Educator Partnership The Apraxia Connection	http://www.pepartnership.org/default.aspx http://www.theapraxiaconnection.org	windyctvapraxa-owner@yahoo.com	Advocacy Apraxia	Naperville Chicago/Illinois			Yahoo Group - not sure how active they are. Melissa Waxler mentioned last year. Recommended by an attendee last year. Website has an endorsement by Austin Society of IL.
Windy City Apraxia National Arthritis Foundation	http://www.arthritis.org/illinois/ http://www.byyourselfautismcenter.com		Apraxia Arthritis	Chicago/Illinois	NP		
By Your Side	http://www.byyourselfautismcenter.com		Autism/Dev/Int delays	Schaumburg, IL	P		Respite Care, services for autism, down syndrome, cerebral palsy
Clearbrook United Cerebral Palsy Association	http://www.clearbrook.org/page.aspx?pid=338 http://www.ucpnet.org/overview.php		Cerebral Palsy Cerebral Palsy and Adults with Disabilities	Multiple Chicago	NP		Seguin Services has just merged with United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago. We are now known as United Cerebral Palsy Seguin of Greater Chicago, which is a charitable not-for-profit agency serving individuals with disabilities in metropolitan Chicago and beyond. Community support for deafness - some requests for more deaf services on surveys
USP Seguin Illinois Families for Hands and Voices International Center on Deafness & the Arts	http://www.seguin.org/ http://ihandsandvoices.wordpress.com http://www.icodaarts.org	info@sequin.org	Deafness	Cicero, IL Naperville	NP		
National Association Down Syndrome Everyone Reading Illinois	http://www.nads.org/pages_new/about.html http://www.everyonereadingillinois.org	info@nads.org	Down Syndrome	Northbrook	NP		
The York Society York Educational Services	http://www.orton-qillindham.com/ http://yorkeducationservices.com/	inse@orton-qillindham.com holly@yorkeducationservices.com	Dyslexia	Park Ridge Glen Ellyn Northville, MI	NP		Dyslexia support! We are committed to providing multi-sensory instruction of the highest quality, through direct and personal training, dramatically increasing the literacy skills of our children. Written up in Daily Herd/Speaks on ADHD too.
Dyspraxia USA Epilepsy Foundation Greater Chicago	http://www.dyspraxiausa.org http://www.epilepsychnicago.org/about-us/ http://www.glenkirk.org/index.php/about/mission-and-leadership		Dyspraxia Epilepsy	Chicago Chicago/Illinois	NP		
GlenKirk Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois	http://www.ldal.com	info@glenkirk.org	Intellectual Disabilities	Northbrook	NP		Lifeline support, respite Cleaning House, workshops
Advanced Behavioral Solutions Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership	http://www.advancedbehavioralsolutions.com http://www.icmh.org		Mental Health	Schaumburg, IL Chicago	P NP		Therapies Mental health clinic/office. Requests for mental health on surveys. NAMI is the foundation for hundreds of NAMI State Organizations. NAMI Affiliates and volunteer readers who work in local communities across the country to raise awareness and provide essential and free education, advocacy and support group programs. Does special appearances - maybe have them conduct an art session? Residential 5 day summer camp for kids with disabilities Community support, networking, educational resources, financial resources Job training for youth / exhibited the first year Community support, playgroups, advocacy.
NAMI DuPage The Awakening's Project Camp Hope Celebrate Differences JVS Mothers and More DuPage Chapter	www.namidupage.org http://www.awakeningsproject.org/index.shtml http://www.camphopeillinois.org/Contact.htm http://www.celebratedifferences.org http://vschicago.org/locations/ http://www.dupagemothersandmore.org/Home.php http://www.protectedtomorrowsscholarships.org/contactus/index.html	execdirnami@gmail.com camphopeillinois@gmail.com	Mental Health	Wheaton Elgin Lake Forest Oswego Elgin Glen Ellyn	NP NP NP NP NP NP		
Protected Tomorrows Voices for Illinois Children	http://www.protectedtomorrowsscholarships.org/contactus/index.html http://www.voiceskids.org	Man/Anne@protectedtomorrowsscholarships.org	Multiple prader-will	Lincolnshire Chicago	NP NP		Special Needs Planning Not sure they fit here, but bookmarking for other uses - school funding advocacy.
Prader-Willi Syndrome Assoc IL	http://www.pwsallinois.org	contact@pwsallinois.org	Multiple prader-will syndrome	Chicago	NP		Not sure of location - bowling activity last month was in Hoffman Estates
Rhett Syndrome Illinois Almost Home Kids Community Therapy Services	http://www.rettilinois.org http://almosthomekids.net/contact-us/ www.cspediatrics.com	Pochim@aol.com	Rhett Syndrome Severe Needs Speech, OT/PT	Woodridge Naperville St. Charles	NP P		Respite Care Therapists