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**RICC Meeting
02/19/2009
12:00 noon**



Present were: Tim Coughlin, Harlan Fixen, Teresa Kyllö, Cheryl Saeman, Sonya Owan, Andrea Peterson, Annie Pivarnik, Lynda Hill, Barb Paul, Barb Olson, Jaret Cvancara, Tammy Hilton and Dawn Barkie (minutes).

Minutes of the last RICC meeting and agenda for this meeting were handed out.

Introductions were done.

Right Track Referrals

Discussion was held on why Jamestown manages the Right Track program. The reason why is that they got the bid for the program. The referral process seems to be running smoothly. Betty Omvig, Barb Olson, and Kathy Lee are working with Right Track. It was stated that Barb has been responding to her referrals by email.

New RICC members

Tammy Hilton asked the team on how one goes about the process to being on the committee. Tammy has a candidate for the committee.

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Birth Registry

There were some questions that arose in regards to the Birth Registry. It was asked if there was a "Welcome Home Baby" program here in town. Barb thought there was, but didn't know the name. It was open discussion on this and one thought it may be a program through Trenton. In previous minutes, Trenton information was disclosed. Trenton will complete the initial contact and then they see the children once every three months. As they get older, this time decreases.

Betty Omgig currently receives the Birth Registry and forwards it to Cindie Richman.

Infant Development

Annie Pivarnik discussed how Infant Development gets together with families once a month. This is for families who are challenged with transportation and gives them a chance to interact with other families. The first gathering went really well and they had a great turn out. It was great to see the interaction between the families and the team.

It was also discussed how Infant Development will accompany families to Tyke Time at the Rec Center. This was offered to families who did not feel comfortable in attending these events alone, or just needed moral support.

Infant Development talked about having Harlan come to the next gathering. Some families are very open to having Harlan connecting with them and possibly even some home visits. Harlan stated he had a family come to him and how they have been talking. He attended an IEP with them. The family is ok with how things are going, they just need reassurance.

S-OAE

Lynda Hill talked about how they need more training on the equipment they have and needing some additional equipment (fax/copy machine). The machines they have already need to be calibrated again, even though they have not used them. They have had the equipment for over a year now.

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Right now the team does not have a local Audiologist that has been assigned to them to do the testing. They also need a questionnaire made up for the parents, a health history of the child.

The team was informed that there would be contracts for the above items, however they have not heard anything back as of yet. These items are to come from Deb Balsdon in Bismarck.

There will be an additional training on March 19th for the team.

Autism Spectrum

Annie spoke to the team about the Autism Spectrum that will be taking place in Williston. MSU is planning a Great Plains Autism Spectrum. This is a specialized team that has been assembled to bring and screen children that are red flagged for Autism, or take an additional look or find any soft signs of being on the autism spectrum.

This specialized team is not about finding a diagnosis, but rather finding the signs and assisting the families to help with what they can. The RICC team had a discussion on the labeling and diagnosis of autism. The key points are that they work together and have everyone on the same page, as at points it is not happening.

There were some questions on how a professional goes about the process of getting a diagnosis and if there is a set criteria. There is a criteria, but there are different ways to approach it.

Notices will be sent out by email for our next quarterly meetings - May 21st, 2009 at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.