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**RICC Meeting  
8/20/2009  
12:00 noon**



Present were: Tim Coughlin, Harlan Fixen, Andrea Peterson, Sonya Owan, Jaret Cvancara, Tammy Hilton, Barb Olson, Annie Pivarnik, Melissa Mandan, Barb Paul, Abigail Bingen, and Dawn Barkie (support staff).

Minutes of the last RICC meeting and agenda for this meeting were handed out. Minutes stand approved by the committee.

### **Right Track**

Barb Olson is currently working with Right Track. She works the Infant Development and Right Track Referrals.

Kristin from Grand Forks has taken over the Right Track program. When she was here, she was able to talk to the clinics and hospital in regards to Right Track and Infant Development.

- Discussion was held on Right Track. An explanation was given as to what Right Track was and how they network.
- Barb was able to discuss with the committee on her work load. She also explained the many travels she has been doing over the past few months between New Town, Mandaree, Tioga, and Crosby.
- Barb also discussed with the committee on the challenges of going into homes in this area and being a stranger in their home.
- Now that Julie Goebel has taken over the full time staff in Williston; Right Track has received more referrals from Professional Hearing.

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- Discussion was also held in regards to the mass screening that was held in New Town.
  - Approximately 152 kids were screened.
  - Suggestions were talked about on how to make improvements for any future mass screenings.

### **Infant Development**

- Annie Pivarnik stated that the referrals from WCSS have increased.
  - It was mentioned that she feels the tools are not quite adequate and that they do not have enough support.
  - MSU has hired on Tina Nordaune as a consultant.
- Annie also mentioned that there will be a few trainings in the near future.
  - Mentoring Training
    - FL State will be in Fargo for a mentoring training.
    - The mentoring model will be family centered to provide families the direct time training to see other moments in life.
    - Infant Development has been trying to observe more and get parents to interact more.
    - Two staff members from each center will be attending the meeting.
    - Infant Development has also been working on making their videos of when they are with their families.
    - When they submit their videos they will be feedback from FL and will be able to do better and grow this model.
    - The video also helps interact with the families and they get feedback from them. They are able to find out what works for them and how they work.
  - Crossroads
    - Training will be held in October.

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### **CHILD Program**

- Discussion was held on the topic of finding families. They are now using techs to help find the families.
- Currently CHILD is only servicing 5 families on Fort Berthold.
- A child is seen every month from when they are born until they are three months of age. At three months of age they are seen every three months until they reach the age of one. At one year of age they are seen yearly from then on.
- The team has come across some loyal families. The families will set up and reschedule their appointments, etc.
- Questions arose on how to get more family contacts.
- The CHILD team talked about adding an additional Release of Information to assist them on getting additional medical information.
- The CHILD team also asked for help in getting set up with other counties. They would like it similar to the one they have set up here in Williston.
  - It was discussed that everyone will set up a time/place to meet during the Crossroads conference.
- The CHILD team attending a Tribal/State meeting. No one from the State was at the meeting.
  - Barb & Jaret stated that they should send an email to Deb and cc: Joann on this email stating that they were at the meeting and no one else was in attendance.
- The CHILD team asked when they refer someone, they would like to know if this person is accepted or denied. This will better assist them in their jobs.

### **S-OAE**

- It was discussed that they machines are in the offices now.
- The team has been using the machines, but they are hard to use.
- It was discussed that maybe there should be a refresher training course. This could happen at the Crossroads convention.

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### **General**

It was discussed that there should be a meeting set up for all to get together every six months (Williston, Fort Berthold, Dickinson, Bismarck, and Infant Development). It was discussed that this may be another opportunity to meet up at the Crossroads convention.

Barb has 1-2 parents interested in possibly joining the RICC committee.

### **Protection and Advocacy**

- Janelle Olson is working on her original five counties. She is also working in other priority areas and it involves children. P&A works with education, adaptive technology and healthcare.
- Next week there will be an open house from 930-12:00pm at 14 East Broadway next week Tuesday.

Notices will be sent out by email for our next quarterly meetings:  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.