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Executive Director's Report

July 25, 2013

NEWS

ELECT/EFI (Education Leading to Employment and Career Training for pregnant teens and young fathers) - Dr. Elias is working on updating the information on the CAIU website about this program to include our goals, objectives and eligibility for the program as well as meeting with PDE to better understand some of the grant program requirements and changes. There has been a change in grant requirements, instead of simply OFFERING services to students, we MUST PROVIDE services to students. This means if a student doesn't show for a group educational session, staff must track down that student sometime later in the month to provide that information.

Diakon Youth Center has added a treatment program for children with Drug & Alcohol addiction issues. This program is attracting students with educational needs.

Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS) Data Quality Initiative Update

The first ***CAIU Regional PIMS Data Quality Council*** meeting was held June 25. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together Data Quality Teams from IU15 LEAs to discuss the importance of PIMS Data Quality and the establishment of Data Governance in LEAs. Specific focus was given to the proposed PIMS changes for 13-14 while highlighting the significance of PIMS data used for Teacher Evaluations, Pennsylvania Value-Added Assessment System (PVAAS) Rosters, the School Performance Profile as well as several significant changes coming to PIMS. Updates were provided regarding the new PIMS Data Quality Engine, new PA Secure ID/PIMS data match and the new Data Quality Curriculum. Regular meetings of LEA Data Quality Teams will be held throughout the year focusing on specific collection issues.

Hill Top Academy (HTA)

ESY (Extended School Year) is underway and off to a good start. There are 7 classes at HTA. There is training occurring for Safe Crisis Management and from our cafeteria staff for one of our local agencies. The building is undergoing cleaning and the floors are scheduled to be redone before the beginning of school. The building will also have a tech upgrade with the installation of classroom smart boards and security cameras. There are many classroom and staff moves that are in process, as well as interviewing for new staff. Summertime here at HTA is a busy time preparing for the students and staff returns in several weeks.

Capital Area Partial Program (CAPP)

Feedback from families who have had children enrolled in CAPP during 2012-2013:

- "Overall, our child made tremendous strides in his ability to accept a school routine and a rekindling of a love for learning, as well as making good social connections. I would



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like to thank all the people I don't know or see on a regular basis who work to make the program a successful experience for kids and families."

- "This year my son's grades improved and he can read and write better.....his therapist is the best he has ever had, she is always professional, treats me and my son with respect, and has helped me understand mental health."
- "What I like about CAPP is care, insight, personal attention, differentiated instruction, and professional support. Without CAPP my son would not have made the progress he did academically, socially, or emotionally. CAPP is a gift."
- "Without CAPP I believe that my son would be expelled, be more depressed, and potentially need hospitalization for suicidal ideation"
- "I am 100% satisfied. As far as I am concerned, CAPP does not need to improve anything. I really don't know what I would have done without this program. "
- "I am very pleased with the program and have recommended possible placement for my friend's child"
- "My son is learning great coping skills and is doing much better since being enrolled in the program. Thank you!"
- "I can't, or don't want, to even imagine how we would have managed without the program. Probably hospitalization."
- "No one has understood my son's needs or the hard times we have lived with until the CAPP program. I was never made to feel guilty about my son's disability and the therapist has bent over backwards to care for my son. My son couldn't be successful without CAPP. I can actually see a future for my son."
- "Thank you for being such a valuable resource available to my son. He has benefitted from you program more than any other intervention we have tried."

We are still actively seeking a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist to contract with for our CAPP program.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Cindy Mortzfeldt and I met with Mike Berk, new CAIU Board Member from South Middleton, who will be replacing Jill Williamson, Camp Hill SD. This is in accordance to the 2003 plan that increased the board from 13 members to 19. The Camp Hill SD seat on the CAIU Board of Directors rotates to South Middleton SD in July 2013.
- Negotiations are continuing with the Capital Area Education Association (CAEA). The CAEA represents non-Act 93 professionals, interpreters, nurses, social workers, paraprofessionals, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Mental Health Workers, and behind-the-wheel driver education instructors. Approximately 350 of the 468 employees at CAIU are represented by CAEA.
- The cabinet met for two full days to discuss many items including business policy procedures, future computer purchasing plan, CAIU Data Quality Council membership, 2013-14 goals, results of preliminary surveys for the comprehensive plan and to establish the steps necessary to complete the plan by the November 2013 deadline.



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **CAIU Preschool Graduation** - Heather Donovan and the Carroll Preschool Team would like to invite all Board Members to attend one or more of the CAIU Preschool Graduation Ceremonies. Below are the dates and times. The events will be held in the gymnasium of Carroll Elementary School.
 - Tuesday, July 30 at 10:00 and 1:30 (The morning group will have 6 children graduating!)
 - Wednesday, July 31 at 10:00 and 1:30 (The afternoon group will have 8 children graduating!)

- **July 30 - 17th Annual CAIU Champions for Children Golf Tournament** - Fee is \$60 per person and includes green fee, cart, refreshments, dinner and other prizes.

When	July 30, 2013 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Where	Cumberland Golf Club 2395 Ritner Highway Carlisle Pennsylvania
Contact	Daren Moran dmoran@caiu.org 717-732-8400 ext. 8654