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Executive Director's Report

April 26, 2012

NEWS

Edison Learning/Magic Johnson Bridgescapes Center

- We are developing a partnership with Edison Learning to provide a programming option for students, up to age 21, who have dropped out of school and want to return to earn a diploma.
- The CAIU would staff the program, using certificated staff and CAOLA on-line courses.
- We are in conversations with HACC about possible dedicated space for this program within the Midtown location.
- We are in discussions with Harrisburg School District about the program, since we anticipate that the site would be within the city limits. We anticipate being able to offer this program at a per pupil rate that will be less than the state and federal subsidy of Harrisburg SD.

School-Age Special Education Program Review

- To address the goal of conducting a program review for school-age special education, we have met with Dr. Robert Cormany from PAPSA (PA Association of Pupil Services Administrators). PAPSA has done many special education and pupil services program reviews across the state. Although they have never conducted one with an Intermediate Unit, they are willing to work with us to create a program review process and format.
- We will support them in creating the model and they will have a team of administrators, with Dr. Cormany, come to our sites in the fall to conduct an independent program review.
- A written report will be provided. Since we have a PAPSA membership, there is no charge for the review itself; however, we will pay lodging and expenses for the team members.

CAPP (Capital Area Partial-hospitalization Program)

- The OMHSAS (Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services) results of the CAPP audit identified no demerits, no areas of recommended improvement, and the license was easily renewed; essentially a perfect result!
- CAPP continues to forge strong relations with our managed care company, CBHNP, with a series of meetings to discuss the CAPP program and its unique role in the CBHNP network as the region's only school-based, long-term partial hospitalization program.

Preschool/Early Intervention

- EI Verification results – The categories of general supervision, policies & procedures, and fiscal management all received 100% ratings - fully meeting requirements. There were some recommendations for quality improvement items based on single file review exceptions.
- Preschool will see a funding increase in child count for next year based on the fact that we've been serving additional students over the past two years. This means we will



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need to continue to serve those additional children and we will receive the per child allocation for the additional children.

- The Preschool program has been working with our districts to identify classroom and itinerant space in districts, effectively reducing costs of leases to the preschool program. We thank and appreciate the collaboration and communication with Lower Dauphin School District, Derry Township School District and Millersburg School District. We are looking forward to do the same with Cumberland County locations in the upcoming years.

Hill Top Academy

- HTA Student Council Shoes for Souls drive has concluded. Almost 600 pairs of shoes were donated.
- We have been discussing with other organizations about possible use of available space at HTA that could result in shared space use (and cost).
- Donations and Fundraisers for Monroe's surgery have exceeded expectation and costs. He has had the surgery, is recuperating nicely and the tumors were benign.

School-age Contracts/Staffing

- We do have two school-age classroom transfer of entities - both teachers have accepted district position offers.
- We are anticipating some additional reductions of classrooms and itinerants based on student graduations or placement/enrollment and contract changes.
- Over the next two months, we anticipate having more detail about contracted services, staff retirements or resignations, positions that will remain unfilled and the final impacts on staffing levels.

13th Annual Champions for Children Bingo

- The 13th Annual Champions for Children Bingo was a huge success raising almost \$5000 for children with unique and special needs!
- Over 100 tickets were sold and a good time was once again had by all!
- Special thanks to all of our Sponsors and Volunteers.

RECOGNITION

- Brian Griffith has been asked to serve on Penn State Harrisburg's Teacher Education Council. The council serves in an advisory role to the Education Department at PSU-Harrisburg for issues related to the teacher preparation program.
- **Gay Keiser Scholarship** - Committee has awarded the 2012 scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to **Ms. Lexine Miller, a graduate student at Edinboro University**. To be eligible, the applicant must be attending graduate school in the state of PA and pursuing a career in speech/language pathology in the public school setting.



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NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Continuing to meet with legislators to discuss issues that affect CAIU and our districts. This month I met with Senator Vance, Representative Grell and Keller.
- Met with Dr. Flurie, CEO of Commonwealth Connections Academy, to discuss CAIU services.
- Attended PAIU Executive Directors' Central Region meeting in State College. Discussed the impact of the Governor's proposed budget, transportation funding proposed changes, and PDE 2012-2013 initiatives.
- Attended PAIU Executive Directors meeting with the Secretary of Education and other PDE personnel. Received updates on on-going projects and future initiatives.
- Visited several CAIU programs and schools including Loysville Youth Development Center.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **May 10, 2012** at 5:30p.m. – 10:00p.m. - CASA's 11th Annual Performance and Gala, Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts.
- **May 17, 2012** - CAIU Employee Recognition Dinner. Please place this on your calendar.

Graduations and End Of the Year Activities

- **June 6th** in the evening - **Multiple Disabilities Support Graduation** – 1 graduate.
- **June 8th** at 1:00 - **Loysville Youth Development Center Graduation**, potentially 7 students.
- **May 18th** - **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awards Program.**
- **Emotional Support & CAPP Graduation**– 3 graduates, 1 walking with home district; working with families to identify convenient date (the scheduled evening graduation may not be the most convenient).