

Executive Director's Report July 28, 2016

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

AgendaManager

AgendaManager is an online meeting management solution developed by the staff at the CAIU. It is designed to be flexible and intuitive to efficiently create and disseminate agendas and minutes.

All meetings and agendas are in a central management system so everyone can easily find the most current agenda or minutes. The most popular use is for board meetings. However, this solution works perfectly with all meetings such as faculty meetings, department meetings, athletic meetings, etc. Integrating a paperless solution will enable your organization to increase collaboration and communication.

Some of the key features are:

- Ability to easily add supporting documents as an attachment to agenda items
- Meeting agenda templates for meetings that have the same agenda items
- Easily reorganize agenda items and sub-items with drag and drop and auto-renumbering
- Specify time that an agenda becomes visible to the public such as 24 hours before a meeting
- Group creation so members only see agendas within their own group
- Highly skilled helpdesk support
- Annual training to ensure success of implementation
- Confidentiality of data on our high-speed network
- Control your own user and group creation
- Private notes for meeting attendees
- Online minute taking



NEWS

Curriculum Services

The CAIU Title III Consortium again met all three AMAOs (Annual Measurable Achievement Objective) for the 2013-2014 school year based on the scores from the ACCESS for English Language Learners. AMAO 1 is annual increase in the number or percentage of children making progress toward learning English; AMAO 2 is annual increase in the number or percentage of children attaining English proficiency, as determined by a valid and reliable assessment of English



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proficiency; and AMAO 3 is making annual measurable objectives for limited English proficient children.

The school districts/charter schools in this consortium are:

Big Spring
Camp Hill
Commonwealth Connections
Cumberland Valley

Northern York County
South Middleton
Steelton Highspire
Susquehanna Township

Dauphin County Technical School Susquenita

Derry Township
East Pennsboro Area
Halifax Area
Upper Dauphin Area

Lower Dauphin West Perry Middletown Area

Student Services

Pupil Services/Hospital/ELECT-EFI/Diakon/Blended Learning/Coaching

- We are interviewing several candidates to fill three social worker positions and a mental health worker position.
- The ELECT grant is now fully federally funded with new guidelines being released regarding use of funds.
- CAMhP ~ Capital Area Mental health Program, an intensive, therapeutic, emotional support program, will be "housed" at Diakon Wilderness Center for the 2016-17 school year.
- Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute (PPI) plans to have the Children's Unit open for the beginning of the 2016-17 school year. This will include additional teaching staff to cover that unit.
- Hill Top Academy will "roll-out" their new streamlined intake meetings beginning early August to ensure a more seamless transition for districts enrolling new students.

Preschool/Early Intervention

 Several preschool staff participated in the 1st Annual Preschool Family Carnival Event on July 9th, at the Elizabethville Library. The event was hosted by Dauphin County Commissioners, Northern Dauphin Human Services Center and Dauphin County Library System. It was a fun filled day of crafts, music, carnival games and story time stations.

Autism/Deaf-HH/ESY

- Due to increased referrals, we are opening a new elementary Autism Support (AS) class at Steelton Elementary.
- Our middle school AS class is moving from Derry Twp to Central Dauphin Middle School.
- Our elementary DHH class is moving from East Hanover Elementary to Conewago Elementary.
- Extended School Year (ESY) programs are up and running at Hill Top Academy and Hershey Middle School. We will have our annual ESY Fishing Derby on Wednesday, July 27th from 8:30 to 11:30 at South Middleton Township Park in Boiling Springs. This is always a wonderful experience for students and staff.



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Hill Top Academy

- Earlier this month ground was broken on the lower parking lot at Hill Top Academy. The scheduled improvements to the lot are anticipated to result in increased efficiency during student drop-off/dismissal and an overall increase in instructional and planning time.
- This summer Hill Top Academy is again hosting five classrooms for ESY program for approximately 20 students.

OT/PT

 Dr. Lori Glumac, PT, and Sharon Farley, OT, co-authored an article ("Virtual Sensorimotor Training for Balance: Pilot Study Results for Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders") that was recently accepted for publication in the journal of Pediatric Physical Therapy. Congratulations to these ladies.

School-Age Speech/Language

• On August 2, 2016, the School-Age Speech/Language Staff will be hosting "Using Core Language in the Classroom". American Speech-Language-Hearing Association continuing education credit will be available for all speech/language pathologists. The first half of this session will focus on the importance of core vocabulary and the implementation of generative language in the classroom. The second half of this session will be a Make-N-Take using core vocabulary and generative language principals. As a small group, participants will begin to map out a plan for the introduction of core vocabulary and make materials to support their plans.

Blind/Visually Impaired Staff

• CAIU Teachers of the Blind and Visually Impaired will be attending the Low Incidence Institute "High Expectations for Achievement" at Penn State University, August 9 – 12, 2016. Sessions will focus on a common sense approach to accessing iOS devices throughout the school day and beyond. Teachers of students with visual impairments (TVIs) will be immersed in hands-on experiences with magnification, VoiceOver, switch access, and other features to learn strategies to maximize device capabilities and access textbooks and other materials in a variety of formats. Assessment issues, integration plans, document preparation/distribution, effective collaboration, and problem solving with school personnel will also be discussed.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Attended United Way Capital Region Education Task Force meeting.
- Attended Association of Education Service Agencies (AESA) Summer Leadership Conference
- Met with BLaST IU 17 administrator to review the work of CAIU as part of the PAIU Aspiring Leaders program
- Met with new CAIU Board members, Gwen Browning and David Barder, for New Board Member Orientation