

ARCH OF LV
Implementation Advisory Committee Minutes
July 15, 2009
9:00 a.m.

- I. Welcome – Attendees: Ellen Hunt, Robin Urenko, Ann Sheaffer, Allison Frantz, Rebecca Procopio, Jeff Rudski, Emily Leayman
- II. Staff Update – Emily Leayman was introduced as the new Clinical Director, she attended her first IAC meeting.
- III. Karen Barbarics was announced as the newest member to the IAC replacing Dave Spivak. Karen will start attending meetings in September.
- IV. Programming Updates:
 - Summer Camp – Camp is averaging 31 campers a day. Campers have been busy participating in swimming, karate, yoga, music, bowling and park visits. To date ARCH has received four phone calls from parents/guardians all providing positive feedback regarding their campers experience, they report campers coming home happy and sleeping great! It was suggested this information be provided in the next ARCH of LV update. Camp ARCH will be inviting the Bureau of Autism Services to visit the camp.
 - After School – Decisions regarding the After School Program will be based on information from Camp ARCH on what worked and what needs to be changed. ARCH will identify specific target group(s) for the After School Program. October/November is the identified target start time for the program. It was suggested to contact Lehigh and Muhlenberg for students to apply for possible staffing positions.
 - Outpatient – ARCH is looking at how to educate the community on what is available under Outpatient Services. ARCH will be looking at a creative approach in developing programs under this service
 - A Boy Scout troop was suggested to be introduced at ARCH.
 - BHRS – currently has 48 patients. A new part-time BSC and two mobile therapists will be starting in this program.
- V. Workgroups:
 - Resource Room – Currently meeting monthly. Accepting book requests and suggestions. Resource Room has been lending books for several weeks. Resource Room will be start hosting a “Parents Morning Out” in September.
 - Fundraising and Marketing – Currently meeting monthly. \$17,000 has been raised to date. Century Fund has promised \$5,000, ARCH will be looking at these funds going toward fencing for the playground. A separated Playground Workgroup will be launched in September, this

Workgroup will be seeking members. A concert in August, Yard Sale and Fall Golf Tournament are current initiatives this group is working on.

VI. Other Initiatives:

- Lehigh County Training Plan – Currently list is out to email database asking community to prioritize. Looking to start rolling out this initiative in the fall.
- Needs Survey – 38 surveys have been received. Information is currently being summarized. Looking at support group(s) development from needs survey.
- ARCH community partners – ASA has pledged \$3,000 to ARCH to utilize ARCH facilities for their meetings support groups.
- “The Hub Club” – the idea is based on an “open gym” concept, starting with twice a week in one and half hour increments of time. A small fee will be charged. A registration form will be required to participate. Late August/September is the target date to start this program.

VII. Community Feedback – There has been feedback that ARCH is not open to the community. It was recommended that more education initiatives be available on a quarterly basis. It was discussed that billable services must occur for ARCH to be able to sustain itself financially.

VIII. Distribution of Information – Stakeholders meeting will be held August 20 at ARCH there will be two meetings 9:30- 11:00 a.m. and 6:00-7:30p.m.

IX. Next IAC meeting will be August 12 at 9:00a.m.