

Great Start Executive Committee Meeting  
December 15, 2010

Attendance: Sommer Poquette, Marcia Campbell, Shirley Gillespie, and Mandy Peterson.

1. Budget: We have received \$93,000 for January thru Sept. funding. This is in addition to the extended funds that were distributed for Oct. thru Dec. That means that we will receive the same amount of funding as last year. 5 collaboratives have had funds cut due to not meeting goals etc. We are able to apply for matching funds of up to \$100,000. ECIC has granted more liberties in regard to how we utilize our funds than in the past.

2. Great Start Work Plan: We will be having a combined Great Start and Parent Coalition Work Plan instead of separate scopes of work like we have had in the past.

3. We need to identify three system changing priorities that we as a collaborative will focus on from January 2011 through September 2011. Possible priorities that were brought up at the meeting were:

- identifying 1-5 private preschool programs that would participate in scholarship funding for three and four year olds.
- completing a funding stream analysis in relation to the birth to five population to see where monies are coming from and where holes are.
- partnering with PNC bank (formerly National City) in the volunteer for early childhood program which is part of the Way to Grow Initiative.
- developing a one stop shop for tuition free preschool and private preschool and daycare.
- working toward integrating early childhood into the new 211 system.

After discussion occurred, the group was partial to the following three priorities:

- developing the one stop shop for tuition free preschool and private/day care,
- working toward integration of early childhood into the new 211 system.
- partnering with PNC bank in the volunteer for early childhood program which is part of the Way to Grow Initiative.

These priorities will be shared with Jill Haan, Char-Em Coordinator and Kathy Kundrat, Head Start Director for their feedback before any final decisions are made.

4. The agenda for the upcoming January 5<sup>th</sup> Collaborative Meeting is:  
Goals and Priorities for the strategic plan- 1 hour in the beginning of the meeting, Work plan and budget including priorities- 1 hour, and updates and sharing for the remainder of the meeting. This meeting will occur from 9a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
5. There will be another collaborative meeting in February, tentatively scheduled February 16<sup>th</sup>. After that, meetings will resume the every other month schedule. This will put the collaborative meetings on opposite months of the Early On meetings and Parent Coalition meetings.