

Great Start Collaborative Minutes for August 26, 2009

Those in attendance: Shirley Gillespie, Sara Ward, Pat Fralick, Martha Lancaster, Marcia Campbell, Lynn Slanec, Kolleen homuth, Jenilee Whisler, Carolyn Penniman, Carolyn Belknap, Carol Stephan, Ambre Flynn, Marie Sarchet, Sommer Poqutte

A. June 2009 Minute Approved

B. Conference Call with Matt Gillard reporting any legislative updates.

Negotiation standstill with a sense of urgency. Legislation back in session and after labor day they will resume the T, W, TH schedule.

Discussing new revenue options such as closing loop holes but there is nothing gaining considerable traction.

Advocacy community needs to continue educating community members and legislators.

C. Great Start Professional Development Opportunities Available.

PAM Conference

Dr. Ruby Payne

MIAEC Infant and Toddler Conference

NM Child Development Conference in Traverse City

2 representatives from our collaborative are eligible to attend any of these four opportunities (registration, hotel and mileage). If you are interested please let Sommer know ASAP -first come first serve basis. Each group that attends will be asked to present for the GSC and share the materials and what they gained from the conference. It is our goal to correspond these conference opportunities and materials with our strategic plan and for ideas moving forward with a revised strategic plan.

D. Infrastructure Investment Funds: The GSC has some funding that can be used towards investing towards an infrastructure. The ECIC has to approved these dollars and first the supervisor has to approve and then the GSC executive board and then a form is filled out and sent to the ECIC. \$9,922 was requested to be used towards helping with the cost of the start up funds for 2-1-1 with a matching dollar for dollar amount required by the ECIC. The ECIC found this was out of proportion for the 0-5 population and asked for another dollar amount to be requested. In addition this amount has to be expended as well as the dollar for dollar match by September 30, 2009. The group brainstormed ideas, suggestions and there was a suggestion of a \$5,000 amount being appropriate but others wondered why \$8,000 was approved by the ECIC for the Stepping Stones to School number. This amount was requested and sent on to the ECIC along with the question.

E. GSC chair and Secretary nominations. Currently no chair but Denise Aungst has been acting as secretary until there is a nomination. Marcia Campbell volunteered to be the secretary as well.

F. Committees met to discuss their individual reports from the June 2009 meeting and to complete the GSC/GSC director surveys, review the GSC strategic plan and suggestion on improvement or needed changes as we move forward. Each GSC meeting will have a working committee time to make the best use of the GSC time frame and members time. The GSC will keep a working document and binder with the notes, work and progression. Working updates along with the meeting minutes will be posted on the website, <http://www.greatstartforkids.com> but in addition please see attached.

G. Great Start Child Care System Planning Grant has met twice with two working groups of community members within the region and they are currently composing their grant for the ECIC which is due August 31, 2009. Contact Pam Ward there are questions.

H. Updates and announcements

Community Coffee Hour - August 28, 2009 from 2pm-3pm at the NCMC library conference room.

Next Great Start Collaborative Meeting will be September 23 from 10:45-12:30 with a light lunch provided. This meeting will take place 15 minutes after the HSCB meeting and at the College Library Conference room. Please note, the lunch is provided to help those that are members of the GSC and HSCB who have been meeting since 9am - the idea is to save agencies time and money for travel and make the best use of our community time and efforts. We are only charged for those that attend and what cannot be used by the college that we pay for we can and will donate.

To keep the GSC agenda manageable and a portion of meeting working the GSC will strive to offer GSC newsletters with announcements, updates and news.

The GSPC has hired two parent consultants to help build the GSPC.

The GSPC and the GSC has been working with the Frey Foundation and their social and emotional grant. One component that they would like to begin working on now with the parents plan and the GSPC and collaborative is the use of our website and adding a social networking component as a support mechanism.