

Great Start Collaborative Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 30, 2011



Those in attendance:

Kirtland House Site:

- Amy Hesse, GSC Administrator
- Amy Coulter, GSC Parent Liaison
- Sherry Garner, NEMCSA Headstart
- Robin Benson, Great Start Regional Resource Center
- Lorie Holton, Great Start RRC, Local Childcare Educator
- Sheri Jackson, , Great Start RRC, Local Childcare Educator
- Cindy DeLadurantaye, GSC Parent Liaison, Fund Development
- Rug Dozzi, COOR ISD, Special Education
- Gail Hughey, Surline Elementary Principal
- Erica Palmerton, Parent
- Allison Oakes, NEMCSA Headstart
- Desiree Lipski, Great Start Coordinator, AMA
- Michele Cochrane, COOR ISD, Early On
- Jennifer Jarosz, Parent & Rural Education Matters
- Marci Howey, Roscommon Area, GSRP Teacher
- Susan Browder, NMCAA Headstart
- Sophie Tullier, KCC AmeriCorps VISTA
- Kim Vaughn-Hart, River House, INC

IRESA Site:

- Phyllis Rhodes
- Lynne Bigelow
- Shar Wheatley
- Sue Buresh
- Lori Wojahn
- Ilene Espinoza
- Linda Stemen
- Mary Reitler
- Kris Adaline
- Dana McGre
- Julie Doherty

Meeting called to order: 10:11 am

I. Welcome and introductions by: Erica Palmerton, Great Start Collaborative Chair

Minutes approved

II. Great Start Collaborative/Parent Coalition Update:

- Amy Hesse: ECIC Conference: Keynote: Tim Bartiks, encouraged GSC members to read his book, *Investing in Kids*
- Wants to educate Senator Howard Walker, 37th district. He is proposing to cut GSC funding across the state. He is not educated on what GS is and he needs to be
- Amy Coulter: Update on Early Childhood Conference, April 16th at KCC
 - Introduced The Great Start Advocacy Calendar. Collaborative and Parent Coalition members receive one, but will only give them to potential member, who show an interest, give us their information to the GSC or GSPC.

III. Quality Improvement, update: Sheri Jackson

- Quality Improvement update for providers
- trying to expand access for the Great Start Connect Button and resources

IV. Regional Resource: Robin Benson

- Regional Resource center will be implementing our Kiosk Plan

V. GSRP: Amy Hesse

- Great Start now has to review/endorse/support all GSRP CNRA's
- All 10 have been sent to us and turned in so the GSRP's will be able to receive their grant money

VI. 211: Cindy DeLadurantaye

- Roscommon County will be moving forward with the plan
- Oscoda and Crawford Counties are in progress with implementing 211 plan. Daryl Milner is presenting 211 plan to the County Commissioners

Phyllis: April 6th @ 9:30, will be talking to County Commissioners in Iosco to move forward

Amy H.: April 13th @ 9am, will help present to Roscommon County Commissioners

VII. Work Plan: Amy H.

- Workplan and budget approved after cutting additional funds

VIII. Grants: Cindy DeLadurantaye

Grants pending approval from board

Healthy Tomorrows: Federal grant.

- Out of 92 applicants, we were 1 of 8 who received this grant
- 5 year grant, \$50,000 per year to implement Reach out and Read
- Grant will fully cover us the first year
- In years 2-5 will need cash, in-kind match. Much of this we will receive from Reach Out and Read
- Iosco County already has this program, so we will be implementing it in COOR counties
 - o This grant will help identify medical homes
 - o Providers will work with 0-5 children and families-families will receive a book
- Advisory board will oversee and meet at the end of April
- Reach out and Read Facebook page

Due to technical difficulties, Iosco site is now on a conference line. Iosco site introductions were made.

ECIC Scholarship Grant

-received AARA dollars
 -\$100,000 and needing matching funds, have \$35,000 already, Cindy DeLaduarantaye is working on the rest

-Money from ECIC must go towards 3 yr old preschool , this money must be committed by September 30th

- Applications must be 200% below poverty
- Child 3 by December 1st, and families have to be 200% below poverty level
- match money can be used at our discretion
- \$90,000 has to be used for 3 yr olds
- may use for zoning fees to help providers with zoning fees so they can expand their programs and help with childcare for 0-3 year olds

12 months of childcare or Pre-K, \$2.50 hr
5 days a week, 9 hrs a day, will pay 50%
52 kids in quality childcare

Will cover if parent is attending school, and does not get DHS @ 200% of poverty

Robin Benson: wants providers to be enrolled in Quality Counts program for providers to receive grant funds

Amy H: defines Collaborative over Cooperation

Open Discussion:

Amy C: Conference

Amy H & Amy C: Star Power

Virtual Tour: required part of GSC work

-recording

-ask for ideas: Skype, child interview

Robin will help put video together

AMA: 29th change date

Michelle Cochrane: Fun Fairs

-Crawford County: Pre-school Fair, April 28th, from 6-7pm

-Oscoda County: late August, Meeting @ MSU Conference, April 18th @ 2:30 in Mio

- Isoco Family Fun Fair: April 30th, from 10-2

Assessment Clinics: hopefully assessment clinic August in Roscommon County

Sheri Garner: 3 day car seat training

Next Meeting: June 29th @ 10am

Future Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am