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GREAT START COLLABORATIVE MEETING MINUTES 11/30/09

- The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Amy Hesse, GSC Director

Members in attendance:

Rene Bayette, Pine Rest Clinic
Pam Schanck, Parent Representative
Susan Smith, Parent Representative
Rug Dozzi, Director of Special Education, COOR ISD
Tim Hagen-Foley, Director of Development, Kirtland Community College
Melissa Peihl, Family Educator, MSU Extension
Marci Howie, GSRP Educator, RAPS
Roger Marsh, Oscoda County Board of Commissioners Representative
Lee Vartanian, NEMSCA EHS
Sue Browder, NMCAA
Erica Palmerton, Roscommon County Family Court/Parent Representative
Douglas Dosson, Roscommon County Family Court Judge
Jessica Trumble, Parent Representative
Betty McClintic, Oscoda County Early On Coordinator
Melissa Miller, Parent Representative
Reva Fowler, COOR Educational Occupation
Kathy Neff, Parent Representative
Amy Coulter, GSC Parent Liaison
Amy Hesse, GSC Director

Amy Hesse: GSC Director

- Welcome, agenda overview
- Motion and acceptance of minutes from 7/29/09 GSC Meeting

Rene Bayette: Child Care Enhancement Project presentation

- CCEP is aligned with the Great Start Childcare Resource Centers
- CCEP focuses on 0-36 month early intervention working with child care providers and families of children with Social-Emotional issues. To qualify, the child must be under 3 and receiving or qualifies for DHS services.
- Early intervention is the key: intervene now or intervene later at a much bigger cost to the community.

- What is CCEP? It's a statewide mental health consultation for 0-36 month old children, it supports Social-Emotional health and is funded by DHS.
- Early intervention in infants can mean the difference in up to 30 IQ points later in life.
- The problem: There are very few clinicians in the area with 0-6 year old experience and expertise. CCEP also focuses on work force development in this capacity. Unfortunately, CCEP (formerly Child Care Expulsion Program) no longer services 3-5 year olds.
- What is Social-Emotional Health?
 - To experience, regulate and form secure relationships; to explore and learn within the context of one's family, community and cultural background.
- Early intervention and CCEP is so important due to the plasticity of the 0-3 brain. If something is identified early enough, it's much easier to fix.
- It is very important to a child that they feel safe and secure. If they do, it's much easier for them to thrive.
- The largest number of children expelled from child care centers are of pre-school age. CCEP comes in to help as a team with the family and providers.
- 3 levels of CCEP:
 1. Prevention, such as a visit, e-mail or phone call
 2. Prevention Plus, to open a case on the child. Worker does an intake, observe and asses. Works with family and providers to work on a guidance plan.
 3. Intensive Consultation, usually the child is with CCEP for 3 months to a year.
- It is key to provide support for the providers.
- With 4 being the most satisfied, CCEP receives a 3.83 overall satisfaction score from the parents.

Reva Fowler, Educational Occupation Child Care Instructor

- Discussed class curriculum, each student's individual work and how they develop they own plans and download them to their website.
- The program is open to Juniors and Seniors in 6 area high schools who are interested in pursuing a career in child care.

Amy Hesse, GSC Director

- Review the Operating Guidelines for the GSC. Members had no problem with the minor revisions made since the last GSC Meeting.
- Motion and approval of Operating Guidelines.
- Nominations, motions and approval of vacant Executive Committee chairs:
 - Reva Fowler, GSC Chair
 - Marcy Howey, GSC Co-Chair
 - Sue Browder, Roscommon County Representative

Amy Coulter, Parent Coalition Report

- Discussed the progress of the Parent Liaison and Parent Coalition. PC has expressed a more comprehensive availability guiding the resources available to parents.
- Talked about upcoming Book Drive and is seeking any sort of guidance and collaboration from the literacy councils.

- PC has applied for a grant from the Roscommon County Community Foundation to provide new parents in Roscommon County a “Navigation Kit”.

Amy Hesse, GSC Director

- Discussed the Strategic Planning assessment, it’s strengths and weaknesses.
- Talked about the joint recruitment training in Lansing on December 11.
- Also discussed the future of our area’s GSRP programs.
- Talked about Great Parents/Great Start, a program that involves play groups, home visiting a pre-school fairs.

The next GSC meeting will be held on January 29th, 2010 at the Kirtland House from 10-12.

Introductions/Roundtable/Lunch

Meeting was adjourned at 12:09 pm by Amy Hesse.