

# Great Start Collaborative Meeting

Wednesday, September 29, 2010



Those in attendance:

Kirtland House Site:

- Amy Hesse
- Christina Tappan
- Jim Beach
- Jennifer Jarosz
- Amy Coulter
- Lorie Holton
- Sheri Jackson
- Lisa Temple,
- Cindy DeLadurantaye,
- Marci Howey
- Erica Palmerton
- Kimberly Vaughn-Hart
- Janna Clark
- Melissa Miller
- Pamela Schanck
- Susan Browden
- Angela Koistinen
- Michele Cochrane
- Sophie Tullier
- Allison Oakes,
- Tim Hagen-Foley
- Rug Dozzi
- Mary Hubbard

Iosco RESA:

- Phyllis Rhodes
- Mary Reitler
- Linda Stemen
- Janet Shaffer
- Dana McGrew
- Kris Adaline
- JulieAnne Doherty
- Debra Shaver
- Sue Buresh
- Lori Wojhan

Meeting called to order: 10:10 am

- I. **Welcome and introductions by:** Amy Hesse, Great Start Collaborative Director and Marci Howey, GSC Chair

## II. GPGS Grants

Michele Cochrane: GPGS-7<sup>th</sup> year, state funds to provide kids birth-5, universal and target groups. Grant money is meant to be spent around 4 counties. Money has been used for family fun fairs, play groups and home visits. Ogemaw County increased home visits instead of playgroups. Great Start needs to be linked to this grant.

III. **MOU:** needs to be renewed annually

IV. **Strategic Plan:** Community Letter signed and approved

V. **Parent's Liasons:** Amy Hesse introduces PL's Getting Parents involved in all 5 counties.

Cindy DeLadurantye: covering Crawford County

Pam Schanck: Covering Oscoda County

Janna Clark: covering Houghton Lake-just had a birth

Melissa Miller: Ogemaw and Iosco-hoping to identify a strong parent in Iosco County by January.

**VI. Local Early Childhood Quality Improvement Trainers: Sheri Jackson and Lori Holton**

Lorie: upcoming trainings-peer to peer meetings for providers

Sheri: getting those providers in for training offering weekdays and weekends

- Discussion on what website we should send parents to

**VII. New Business**

Tim Hagen-Foley: shared building colors of the new Warbler's Nest. Internal process has begun for CIC director position.

Mary Hubbard: Northern Lakes Mental Health: Parent Training Grants: Starts on Friday (Oct. 1), needs parent volunteers to be trained. Community has met once to identify who we they will be training.

Marci Howey: start thinking about nominations or the November meeting

**VIII. Open Discussion:**

Amy Hesse: Candidate forum was Monday night, GSC was co-sponsor

- 8 candidates in attendance
- Discussion focused on early childhood and education

Jim Beech: Poverty Initiative, 12 county initiatives started in June. 250 people registered and 80 volunteers signed up. Onsite daycare: 16 kids. Surveys that came back were outstanding, and everyone went home with a tote with goodies and information.

Amy Coulter: Creating a criteria for family friendly businesses

Janna Clark:

- Bobcat Field, Halloween Night, recruitment for parents
- Developing a community calendar

Melissa Miller: Toy Swap at Tawas Bay Resort-had a face painter and a magician, hopefully recruited some new members

Lisa Temple: Kiosk's, in areas where parents often go

Michele: Early on numbers are growing and 100% feedback on the Tool for Tots training

Sophie: annual balloon launch for domestic violence

Allison Oaks: Full GSRP and Headstart (Iosco and Ogemaw Counties) any health service needed for their child

Tim Hagen-Foley: Warbler's Nest, "putting the community back into community college"  
Promote quality based childcare

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 29, 2010**

Future Meetings: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 @ 10:00 and Wednesday March 30, 2011 @ 10:00

**Meeting adjourned at 11:48 am**