

Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: HCISD; Hayes Administration Building Conference Room
310 W Bacon St. Hillsdale, MI 49242



Attendees:

Stefanie Rathburn - Great Start	Jen Houston - Highfields	Cindy Flynn - Nash Drugs
Yvonne Parker - CAA	Angela Turner - CAA	Mari Nunez – Family Counseling Center
Sharon Bisher - Community Foundation	Andrea Bricker - Integro	Mindy Wilson-HCISD
Darcy Affholter - GSRP Reading	Christie Campbell - CAPA	Christine Gjestland - Highfields
Nancy DeBacker - Alpha Omega	Stacy Ansel - HCISD	Cheryl Schaerer - Parent
Joyce Faulhaber - Domestic Harmony	Melissa Rohraff - Parent	Linda Wise - HCISD/GSRP
Kelly Castle - Parent	Betty Elliott - ChildCare Provider	Catherine Ellis - MWSE
Rozanne Pauze - Parent	Morgan McGaffigan - Integro	Amy Glover - Parent
Sara Clark - Great Start	Abbey Bauerly - DHHS	Laurie Brandes - SAPC
Lona Carpenter - Parent		
Jonathan Tobar - HCISD		

Agenda Items:

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Mari Nunez called the meeting to order. Allowed an opportunity for introductions by all participants.

2. Compass Points Activity

- a. Hand out Activity Worksheet. Linda Wise and Mari Nunez co-facilitated activity. North- Do it, East- Big Picture, South-Caring, West-Details.
- b. Break out and complete activity
- c. Whole group share out and discussion

3. Review of Working Agreements

- a. Did these work for us? Are we missing anything?
 - i. Be Prompt & regular in attendance
 - ii. Be present
 - iii. Maintain Confidence of other group members
 - iv. Be respectful of others ideas
 - v. Cultivate an environment that welcomes opposing opinions
 1. No steamrolling
 2. Open up and let others be heard
 - vi. Knowing our vision and mission
 1. Remember our focus
 - vii. Assume good intentions
 1. Don't take things personally

4. GSC Office Updates

- a. **Trusted Advisor Grant Funding** - Good through end of Sept. Had two different tracks: Playgroups in outlying communities, and weekend nutrition program with local school districts (2 instead of 6 potential districts: Hillsdale & Camden). Provide outreach events: Family Game night at Hillsdale Schools. Camden Football Game Event. Got new families attending playgroups.
- b. **2018-2019 Work Plans**- Due Sept. 15th. Will be the work of subgroups today. Wrap up today or the next few days. Every county received a reduction in funding.

We received a \$15,000 reduction for this coming year. Required to use percent of funding into programming. We do Parents as Teachers. We are trying hard not to reduce the funding of programming regardless of cut we received.

- c. **2018-2019 GSC Meeting schedule**- Sent meeting dates out in May. January and February dates conflict with state holidays as well as training on October on 22nd. Because many of our community organizations recognize these dates, we need to look at them.
 - i. October 22nd. Literacy training on new ways to engage parents. Stacy Ansel spoke about the professional learning opportunity that many of us may want to consider to be involved in. Training is 8am to Noon. All literacy coaches in county will be present. Registration will be open next week. No cost to attend. Any collaborative member who attends, mark that you want the book and the Collaborative will provide a copy for you.
 - ii. Date Proposals:
 - 1. October move to 29th
 - 2. January move to 28th
 - 3. February move to 25th
- d. **Parent Liaison Report**
 - i. Recruiting parents. Sara is excited to welcome our returning parents, 2 new parents, and plea to collaborative members to please let Sara know if you know a parent that may be interested.
 - ii. First meeting date TBA. Probably fun family night
 - iii. Literacy pop up in collaboration with Stacy Asel (HCISD Literacy Coach). Fliers are located on wall. Will go back to Udderside.
 - iv. Stefanie- If parents have 5 minutes to stay after meeting... will have a planning meeting to compare calendars.
 - v. Question: How do we explain to parents what this group is
 - 1. Monthly meeting
 - 2. Agenda based on parent needs
 - 3. Dates and times based on parent needs
 - 4. Build voice and collaboration among parents
 - 5. Partnership, collaborative, voice
 - 6. Want to build more of a mission for that group to strengthen and build.

5. Sub-committee work...fine tune action agendas

- a. You can change sub committees
- b. Finish updating action agenda
- c. Subcommittee Reports to Stefanie

6. Community Updates

- a. **Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)**
 - i. 2017-2018 closed out 240 total referrals.
 - ii. 25 referrals since July 1st
 - iii. Presenting next month on Early On
- b. **School Readiness-**
 - i. New CBO: Countryside Montessori
 - ii. 379 slots for county
 - iii. Last rollout for over income and age-waivers Sept. 1st.
- c. **Agency Updates**
 - i. Warm the Children Event. Sept. 19th & 20th. AT CAA. Fliers on table. if you participated last year, you are not eligible this year.
 - ii. Pediatric and Family Health- Smoking fliers available on back table

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- iii. Abby from DHHS, looking for any agency who will have booth at fair. They want to join the booth for a period of time to promote licensing for Hillsdale County Foster care
- iv. Integro- Has openings for Master level clinicians who have social work license or counselors. Looking to hire. Video will be coming out to promote working in Hillsdale County.
- v. Angela- Fliers on financial stability.

Next Meeting...September 17th 9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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