

**Hillsdale County
Great Start Collaborative Meeting
September 18, 2017**

**Location: HCISD Parke D. Hayes Building, 310 W. Bacon Rd.
Hillsdale**



Attendees:

Stefanie Rathburn - Great Start	Yvonne Parker - CAA
Susan Chapel - Integro	Darcy Affholter - GSRP Reading
Maria Cowan - Countryside Montessori GSRP	Clint Brugger - CAA
Shelley Hawver - CAA	Andrea Bernard - Highfields
Jen Houston - Highfields	Marylou Sitkiewicz - Litchfield Schools
Andrea Bricker - Integro	Jo Essenmacher - Reading GSRP
Micha Moore - Hillsdale Community Schools	Ronna Steel - HCISD
Larry Bricker - DHHS	Stacy Ansel - HCISD
Kristy Storm - Child Care Network	Gina Fosdick - Great Start
Bennie Rice - Parent	Tonya McCallister - Parent
Becky Belcher - DHHS	Mari Nunez - Family Counseling Center
Mindy Wilson-HCISD	Linda Wise - HCISD/GSRP
Amy Bevard - Parent	Cheryl Schaerer - Parent

Welcome & Introductions: Mari Nunez called the meeting to order. Group and allowed an opportunity for introductions by all participants.

Great Start Updates

- **Strategic Plan (Stefanie)**
 - Let's Celebrate! The grant and strategic plan was submitted last Friday.
 - Moving Towards Implementation! Presentation by Stefanie. Received copies of action agenda. Sign-up sheet passed around for members to request electronic or printed copy of full Strategic Plan. Based on outcomes/goals, subcommittees have been restructured to line up with the work.
 - Goal 1= Pediatric & Family Health
 - Goal 2= Executive Committee
 - Goal 3= Literacy
 - Goal 4= Child Care
 - Goal 5= Community Resources
 - Goal 6= Executive Committee

Following powerpoint presentation, opportunity for members to self-identify which subcommittee they see themselves identifying best with. Groups had chance to more closely review their charge by looking at strategies and activities along with timelines of action agendas. Opportunity to identify any pressing questions they saw upon initial consideration. Beginning in October, subcommittees will have considerable time at most meetings to further move forward with implementation efforts.

Based on the strategic plan findings regarding lack of knowledge regarding available resources, there will be a commitment to allow networking and information sharing, with the decision to always provide time at the end of each meeting for agency sharing. There will also be a plan to allow for three agency presentations to happen within our collaborative time over year 1 of the strategic plan. Group was asked to leave sticky notes at their table of agencies/programs they feel like they would like

to learn more about.

- **Summer PLAY (Parents Learning About Young Children) Events (Stefanie)**
Held 5 events from June through August; collaborative effort.
events will continue monthly throughout school year (see flyer).
48 different families attended at least one event.
91 children attended events.
- **Trusted Advisors Grand Update**
Was funded/approved (notification came later than expected).
Currently coordinating locations and dates for the events.
Will e-mail flyer when it is available.
Members should try to invite families who live in the area to their local playgroup.
Funds can't carry over.
- **Parent Liaison Report (Gina)**
Only 3 people registered between the daytime and evening offerings of the first Parent Group of the year, so being rescheduled for October. Newsletter Survey sent out assessing the survey content, distribution, frequency, etc. Group reminded to complete survey if they haven't already done so.

Meeting Wrap-Up

- **Plan for Mini-grant Updates**
Stefanie shared that in October last years' subcommittees will have an opportunity to share the outcomes from last year's mini-grants. Reminder that funds must be used by September 30th.
- **Next GSC Meeting- October 23rd, 9am to 11am**
Held upstairs next meeting
- **Agency Announcements/Updates**
 - Andrea Bricker- Celebrate Babies event is close to next meeting. Stay tuned for more information about events to come. Meeting today at 1:00pm to discuss if you can make it.
 - Highfields- Home visiting services available using Parents as Teachers for 3-5 year olds; no eligibility requirements outside of age range. 0-3 Home-based services are screened through Lifeways. Contact them and they will walk you through it if you need help.

The next Great Start Collaborative Meeting will be last of the year held on Monday, October 23rd, 2017 from 9-11:00am at the HCISD, Hayes Admin Building in the Board Room, 310 W Bacon St in Hillsdale.