

Hillsdale County Great Start Collaborative Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2018, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

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



Attendees:

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| Stefanie Rathburn - Great Start | Tonya McCallister - Parent |
| Jen Houston - Highfields | Gina Fosdick - Great Start |
| Andrea Bricker - Integro | Yvonne Parker - CAA |
| Micha Moore - Hillsdale Community Schools | Darcy Affholter - GSRP Reading |
| Mindy Wilson-HCISD | Clint Brugger - CAA |
| Amy Bevard - Parent | Jo Essenmacher - Reading GSRP |
| Amy Glover - Parent | Marylou Sitkiewicz - Litchfield Schools |
| Carol Kaleta - NAJ Schools | Kelley Mapes- BHSJ Community Health Agency |
| Lona Carpenter - Parent | Christine Gjestland-Highfields |
| Cheryl Schaerer - Parent | Ruth Vanderpool-Combs- Highfields |
| Sharon Bisher - Community Foundation | Sydney Alley - Domestic Harmony |
| Kristen Mesarosh - NAJ GSRP | Jackie Barber - CAA |
| Christie Campbell - CAPA | Kristy Wood - Child Care Network |
| Linda Wise - HCISD/GSRP | Laurie Brandes - Substance Abuse Prevention Council |

- 1. Welcome & Introductions-** Andrea called to order. Sharing by present members of who they are and where they are from.
- 2. Updates**
 - **Trusted Advisor Update (Stefanie)**
 - 1st round for playgroups in outlying communities. 29 backpacks distributed. 1 month left as part of 1st round. Please let families know about playgroups in their local communities. (fliers on table).
 - Round 2 application submitted in November. Should be hearing back anytime. If granted funding, there will be an extension of our round one in addition to nutrition program with local school districts.
 - **GSC/GSPC Survey Reminder (Stefanie)** Everyone should have received an email. Due January 31st. If you need it resent, let Gina or Stefanie know and they can get the email resent to you so that you can participate. Please take time to fill out. Important to the Collaborative.
 - **Operating Guidelines (Stefanie)** Reminder to please review and sign if you have not yet done so.
 - **Parent Liaison Report (Gina)**
 - Hade digital age presentation earlier this month.. Repeating topic next meeting due to the great interest/response. Please see fliers.
 - Playgroup flyers for both outlying as well as Hillsdale opportunities
 - Strengthening Families Assessment. will be conducted March 13 & 14 with Parent Coalition parents. Staff from the Early Childhood Investment Corporation will be on site to do the assessment with parent representatives. Interested in connecting with families who are interested in providing feedback during those sessions.
- 3. Engaging Families (Stefanie)** Please see hand out. Information on possible reasons why we have difficulty engaging families as well as possible solutions. Feedback will be revisited when GSC groups plan events in the future. Other agency staff may use as seems appropriate within their own organizations.

4. **Sub-committee Work** Two committee's (Pediatric & Family Health and Community Resources) blending for collaborative work on Community Baby Shower. Literacy and Child Care subcommittees will meet as well.
5. **Agency Updates**
- **Featured Updates** - Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)- Linda Wise & Micha Moore. GSRP Early Childhood Specialists. Required to complete Program Quality Assessments (PQA) for each GSRP classroom in the county. Shared data and classroom description. Discussed shared data results. (See Flyer)
 - **Other Updates**
 - Christie Campbell - CAPA ball next month. Feb 10th. Sexual abuse will be the topic. The speaker lined up is an actual survivor. A. CAPA Board member will also be speaking. \$100/couple at Johnny T's.
 - Sharon Bisher - Community Foundation is accepting nominations for Teacher of the Year.. See website.
 - Kelly Mapes - Spread the word about the Quitline. Encourage families to call 1800quitnow.
 - Mindy Wilson shared flyers for Smoking awareness. Please help yourself. These were distributed as part of last school year's mini-grant proposal through the Pediatric & Family Health subcommittee. Please see Mindy Wilson or Mari Nunez for more.
 - Linda Wise - Literacy borrowing bins available for subcommittee work.
 - Clint Brugger shared that the application cycle for county-wide preschool will open for applications in April.
 - VITA income tax program. Call to make appointment to get your income taxes done. You can also learn how to do it on your own with help.
 - On 1/25/18, Jackson College will be available to meet with families who have shown interest in getting back in school. Contact Clint for more information.
 - **Next Meeting Date - February 26th**

HCGSC VISION

To ensure every child in Hillsdale County is safe, healthy, and ready to succeed in school and in life.

HCGSC MISSION

The purpose of the Hillsdale County Great Start Collaborative is to assure a coordinated system of community resources to assist all Hillsdale County families in providing a great start for their children prenatal through third grade.