



Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2018: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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

In attendance: Mari Nunez (Family Counseling Center), Yvonne Parker (Community Action Agency), Jo Essenmacher (Reading GSRP), Jen Houston (Highfields), Linda Wise (HCISD/GSRP), Cheryl Schaerer (Parent), Mindy Wilson (HCISD), Stefanie Rathburn (Great Start Collaborative), Gina Fosdick (Great Start Collaborative), Rozanne Pauze (Parent/Grandparent), Kelly Castle (Parent), Abby Bauerly (Department of Health & Human Services), Amy Glover (Parent), Stacy Ansel (HCISD), Christie Campbell (CAPA), Kristy Wood (Child Care Network), Andrea Bricker (Integro), Catherine Ellis (Michigan Works Southeast), Beth Rubley (Highfields), Lona Carpenter (Parent), Mackenzie Tipping (Hillsdale Hospital), Michelle Loren (Hillsdale Recreation), Darcy Affholter (Reading GSRP), Aimee Crist (Integro), Yvonne Parker (CAA), Kelley Mapes (Brand-Hillsdale-St Joseph Community Health Agency)

1. Welcome & Introductions: Mari called meeting to order at 9:05am. Everyone introduced self

2. Hillsdale Rec department: Youth programs, Baseball, softball, basketball, adult volleyball, football. Large park system. Renovations at Sandy Beach by Rotary Club. Disc Golf course at Owens by Gelzers and Bill's Lawn Care. Community steps forward and does things "at cost" for city. Cold Springs park- all equipment had to come out due to inspection deeming them a safety hazard. Will have some refurbished equipment coming soon. Working with Kiwanas Club to support this along with Leutheuser Buick. Field of Dreams is getting new storage building and preparing for their 20th anniversary. Planning celebration for end of July (July 21st). Trails: grant writing for another two miles of trails working toward Jonesville, connecting with the railroad trail Jonesville just put in. Hoping to start 2019-2020 for that project. Movie in Park dates on City of Hillsdale website. Planning concerts in the park. Goal to make parks sustainable. All parks are smoke-free parks...still trying to figure out and work through enforcement.

3. GSC Office Updates:

- **GSC/GSPC Evaluation Results Discussion** - Project for us to work on. we have the first part of the survey from the state. We're going to take a few minutes to look at the 3 page color document to read through. Jot down a few key things: surprises and what do we need to work on.
- **Trusted Advisor PLAY events for summer months** - Kellie Castle and Mari Nunez will be jointly working on playgroups for summer. They will work together to get dates set for those smaller communities. Work to engage families and build the playgroups up. Please share those playgroup activities with families you service. Flyer should be coming by end of week.
- **2018-2019 GSC Meeting schedule** - Thank you to everyone who took time to fill out Survey Monkey. Will stick with Monday from 9 to 11, but will be looking at 3rd Monday of the month from 9 to 11 instead of the 4th Monday of the month. August 20th would be first meeting. We'll meet August through May. No more June Meeting
- **Summer Literacy Pop-up** - One at Udderside in July and the other at Lewis Emery Park in August. Focus on infants up to age 10. All family members are welcome. Will be included in summer events flyer coming later this week.
- **Parent Liaison Report** - PLAY save the date flyer available. First one in Hillsdale will be June 14th. Flier ready by end of week.

4. Sub-committee work/reports: Subcommittee work. Discuss progress and make plans for the summer months and retreat.

- **Pediatric & Family Health** - Finalized our facebook posts and website articles for the summer. Will be submitting to Stefanie for posting. Made plan for summer Retreat discussion and work (Physician breakfast/staff meeting presentations at Hospital)
- **Community Resources** - Mapping and learning about services that exist in Hillsdale county. Partnering with people in community to set up meetings to figure out how we can work alongside 211 to fill in the gaps and have real time services available to the families we work with. Meet during summer and moving forward.
- **Literacy** - .We reviewed where book bins are located, did survey (parents did), got feedback of more books needed. Survey at Kidsfest, will give away balloons and 5\$ gas card to all who participate. Finalized survey questions today. Looking for help on filling balloons.
- **Child Care** - Article came out two Fridays ago. Two more to come. Connected with child care licensing to do presentation in November to Ministerial Association about details of starting child care programming within local churches. Ruth helped to make connections with zoning board and Martinrea to pursue interest, share information about need and how to partner.

5. Community Updates

- **Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)** - 215 referrals currently (July 1 through today). Down from last year when we had 375ish. 80 from DHHS, 82 from Dr/Hospital/Medical field, 23 from families/friends, 30 from other agencies. Of those referrals, 59 resulted in the child being found eligible for services (either EO or Special Education). We are currently servicing 77 children in Early On.
- **School Readiness** - 8 people attended data meeting. Analyzed data from 14 programs. Looked at 186 children approximately. Program Quality assessment looked at 39 areas. Greatest areas of need for improvement were diversity, large group, planning and recall, conflict resolution, anecdotal note taking. Will provide PD and coaching for staff to work on improvement. Looking at child improvement data, areas of need were: writes to convey ideas, measuring objects, rhyming, connects numerals with quantities, graphing, understanding shapes, letter sound correspondence, solving social problems, follows limits and expectations. Even highest level of need was still only 30% of children that needed improvement. Math and Literacy concept areas seem to need more support.
- **Agency Updates**
 - Stefanie: Flier released for town hall meetings on how to reduce infant mortality before 1st birthday; anyone interested in joining her for August Detroit meeting, please let her know of interest.
 - Stefanie: CAA Diaper Drive. Will collect diapers here up to 22nd and then make mass delivery. Feel free to drop off at Hayes.

6. Wrap-Up Considerations: Please write the answers to the following on an index card and leave on the table in front of you.

- **What do you see as the “small wins” for our GSC over the past year?**
- **In what areas, do you feel that our GSC really needs to focus on growth?**

GSC Retreat/Work Session

August 6th 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.