



Hillsdale County Great Start Collaborative Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2018, 9:00 am to 11:00 am
HCISD Parke D. Hayes Building, 310 W. Bacon Rd. Hillsdale

Attendees:

Stefanie Rathburn - Great Start
Betty Elliott - Child Care Provider
Ruth Brown - County Commissioner
Stacy Ansel - HCISD
Andrea Bricker - Integro
Mari Nunez - Family Counseling Center
Mindy Wilson-HCISD
Linda Wise - HCISD/GSRP
Gina Fosdick - Great Start
Yvonne Parker - CAA
Mackenzie Tipping - Hillsdale Hospital
Larry Bricker - DHHS
Christie Campbell - CAPA
Clint Brugger - CAA

Cheryl Schaerer - Parent
Marylou Sitkiewicz - Litchfield Community Schools
Rebecca Belcher - DHHS
Darcy Affholter - GSRP Reading
Kelley Mapes - Community Health Agency
Rozanne Pauze - Parent
Christine Gjestland-Highfields
Kelly Castle - Parent
Sydney Alley - Domestic Harmony
Jackie Barber - CAA
Kristy Wood - Child Care Network
Kristen Mesarosh - NAJ GSRP
Shelley Hawver - CAA
Valeria Perieri-Brown - Parent
Nadia El Anani - Jonesville Library

1. Welcome & Introductions: Mari call the meeting to order. Introductions made around the room.

2. Working Agreements:

- a. Missed the boat on working agreements, just jumped in, but lets create the expectations of this work group and the rules we'd like to put in place to help our group work most effectively.
 - i. Be prompt & regular in attendance.
 - ii. Be present: Focus on the work while we are here.
 - iii. Maintain confidence of other groups members.
 - iv. Be respectful of others' ideas-no judgement.
 - v. Cultivate an environment that welcomes and encourages opposing opinions.
 - vi. Know our vision and mission.
 - vii. Assume good intentions - within our work we ask for feedback and provide critiques... it's always for the good of the cause.
- b. As members, please hold members accountable. Politely and professionally

3. Updates

- a. If you have not voted on for the Hillsdale County Community Foundation Love Your Community Grant proposals... please go like the picture of the proposal you would like to vote for to vote. Deadline is today at 4.
- b. Trusted Advisor Update: No updates regarding round 1 of funding. For round 2, weekend nutrition program, work has begun with 6 local districts who initially expressed interest. It appears the work may only be able to occur with 3 given the need for 501c3 status which is different than tax exempt status.
- c. GSC/GSPC Statewide Site Visit - save the date! Visiting on May 9th. 90 minute interview with Stefanie, 90 minutes with Gina(Parent Liaison), 90 minute with small group of GSC members, 90 minutes with handful of Parent Coalition members, 60 minutes with non- members. Pencil it in if you can help out.
- d. Parent Liaison Report: 9 parents joined Gina to do recent Strengthening Families Assessment. Consultant from the Early Childhood Investment Corporatoin coming tomorrow to give results about Parent Coalition. Great input from those parents and grandparents that were able to attend.

4. Sub-committee work

- a. Child Care committee
 - i. Met with newspaper. going to do 3 articles on child care...focused on need for childcare providers, importance of high quality care, and the rating system. Will interview centers
 - ii. Quantifying need for childcare. Doing community poll at baby shower.
- b. Lliteracy
 - i. Reported back about book bins. 2 places will take book bins for sure. Have nursery rhyme fliers and indestructible books to give at baby shower and other events, including with sleep sacks given to new moms at the hospital
 - ii. Literacy nights in Reading and North Adams coming up.
- C. Pediatric & Family Health and Community Resources joint meeting
 - i. Community Baby Shower! Confirming agencies, informational sessions and donations.
 - ii. Date: April 21, 10 to 1pm at Hillsdale High School
 - iii. Fliers available now
 - iv. Pulling it all together

5. Updates

- Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)
 - Current #'s: 79 serviced including Early On and Special Education
 - Referrals: 161
- School Readiness
 - GSRP Preschool Connect
 - Joint Recruitment: Pre-Registration link is OPEN
 - Fliers
- Agency Updates

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- Christie: April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Asking to put up blue lights. Home depot has 6 strands for \$15
- Kelley: Health Department has Graco grant for car seats available. Please contact Kelley for more information. 517-933-3019 (Kelly's direct line, leave a message). 21 seats available.
- Clint: . Preschool interest link is up on GSC website, but won't process until after Head Start monitoring.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 23rd 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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