

Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Agenda
March 18, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



Attendees:

Stefanie Rathburn - GSC	Linda Wise - HCISD/GSRP	Clint Brugger - Community Action Agency
Andrea Bricker - Integro	Kelley Mapes, BHSJ Health Agency	Cheryl Scharer - Parent
Laura Orlovski - Jonesville Library	Rozanne Pauze - Parent	Mari Nunez - Family Counseling Center
Mindy Wilson-HCISD	Geri Neill - Parent	Kelly Castle - Parent
Sara Clark - GSC	Laurie Brandes - Prevention Works	Kristy Wood - Child Care Network
Roxanne Waldron - Integro	Christie Campbell - CAPA	Darcy Affholter - Reading GSRP
Marylou Sitkiewicz - Litchfield Schools	Nancy DeBacker - Alpha Omega	Jen Houston - Highfields
Angela Turner - Community Action Agency	Betty Elliot - Creative Child Care	Terrina Lioggnio - 211

I. Welcome & Introductions- Mari called to order & started introductions.

II. GSC Office Updates

A. Updates on recent Hillsdale County Community Foundation (HCCF) grant submissions

1. Had applied for Love your Community (Story Walk) & Healthy Seniors Healthy Youth(Child Care). Found out we receive full funding for each. Both fall under Early Care & Early Literacy subcommittee. If interested, let a chair know and you can join the work

B. Parent Liaison Report

1. Meeting tomorrow night: Family Game Night.
 - a) Still time to RSVP
2. April 23rd is next Parent Meeting. Flyer coming soon.
3. Newsletter: See Sara to be added to the list
4. Preschool Connect; Next Monday, will be supporting that event.

III. Knowing Our Why

A. Youtube video- Get us motivated & thinking about the work. Why do we come here? Why do we do this work?

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZe5y2D60YU>)

B. 3 most important pieces of information for someone to know about the GSC...talking points.

1. Devise main talking points as a group
2. If you met someone at the coffee shop and they asked about GSC, how would you describe it?

C. Opportunity for reporting out/capturing list of ideas

1. Group Brainstorm:
 - a) We all work towards 4 early childhood outcomes
 - b) We do that by collaborating together with community partners and parents
 - c) GSC is available in every county
 - d) Important that people know that care begins prenatally
 - e) Resources available through the Collaborative: Baby Shower & agency representation. (By collaborating and sharing resources)
 - f) Helping families and children be ready for school

- g) Family care starting prenatally
 - h) Preschool component: getting families connected to available options
 - i) County resources available. this is where they all come together - know and understand them all
 - j) Community collaborative made up of professionals, community partners and parents
 - k) Focus to ensure children birth to 3rd are developmentally on track
 - l) Providing learning opportunities for parents and kids around topics of community resources, pediatric & family health, PLAY events
 - m) GSC Members: Who
 - n) 4 key goals(our why)
 - o) Work done through 3 subcommittees
 - p) Visual of start to finish
2. Anything missed:
- a) Question 6: No one mentioned data
 - b) How important is data? Should we incorporate data points?
 - (1) Yes, rational for “why”
 - (2) Attests to needs
 - (3) Numbers drive decisions
 - (4) Audience would determine how to use the numbers
 - (5) Business card with data & key points?
 - (a) Could have available to hand out
 - (b) Direction we are headed
 - (c) Trying to make Collaborative work discussed more in our community
3. Will come back next month with most important pieces. Will pull together as a group with all our information put into a “one-pager”

IV. Subcommittee Work Time :

- A. Divide into groups
- B. Stefanie will start with Pediatric & Family Health for Community Baby Shower
- C. Our structure has gotten difficult with the work we want to do in big projects. We have a lot of momentum and are challenged with committee time. Feel as if we are all missing discussions and work that we could have big impacts on.
 - 1. Please keep in mind that we are looking for a change next year
 - a) Maybe Full GSC meeting every other month, and committee meetings in between. Will allow everyone to participate in all subcommittees and “follow their why”.
 - (1) Concerned that this may decline subcommittee participation and attendance
 - b) One subcommittee work before 15 min and one after
 - c) Don’t want to lose subcommittees or decrease participation, but looking to allow all our members to provide input in
 - 2. Some counties only meet quarterly
 - 3. Will revisit over next couple months

V. Subcommittee Reports

A. Pediatric & Family Health

1. Baby Shower- April 27th 10 to 1 at HHS
 - a) Spreadsheet with donation list. Please see if you can connect with any agencies for donations
 - b) Planning Meeting Friday: March 22nd 12-1:30, Lunch will be provided so RSVP if you can attend!
 - c) Roxanne has been instrumental

B. Community Resources

1. Kelley Mapes & Andrea were able to show their powerpoint that they will be using to roll out the resource directory, google group and help line cards. Got good feedback
2. Getting close on resource directory. Hope to roll out next month
3. McKinney Vento asked for feedback on community resources card

C. Early Care & Learning/Literacy

1. Principal's Meeting- Will be taking about before and after school care
2. Child Care Forum- @ senior center with breakfast in the fall
3. Healthy Seniors/Healthy Youth Grant- Support getting people licensed for childcare

D. Brochures & Checklist

E. July 13th- Story Walk at Farmers Market

1. Collaborate with Local Libraries

F. Press Release: Decline in Child Care

1. Newspaper will create an article with this information
2. Will reach back out to confirm & push for progress of this

VI. Community Updates

A. Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)

1. Update about 54D funding - have added social worker to Early On team

B. School Readiness

1. Preschool Connect: Next Monday Night
2. Have Preschool Brochure to share with Families
 - a) Focus on availability in our County
 - b) Preschool Readiness
3. Kindergarten Readiness Brochure
 - a) Help Families know how to help their child transition to Kindergarten
 - b) Includes Checklist

C. Agency Updates

1. Preschool Connect: Monday the 25th! Take Fliers
2. Baby Speak Project: Like "Real Men Rock", looking for babies newborn to age one. Photographer will take pictures with caregivers. Take photos and match with simple truths about impact of relationships to develop posters. Will roll out at Community Baby Shower. Want to partner with other agencies and events to shed light on importance of early relationships. (Andrea)
3. WIC & State of MI: Changed ruling on passing out emergency formula. Can't go to WIC and get an emergency can any more. When getting formula for month, if change, TRY formula before they buy. WIC is

required to dump formula not being used. Need to refer moms to Alpha Omega for formula needs as well as Kings Cupboard. If you have extra formula, donate to Alpha Omega or Kings Cupboard. Do NOT give back to WIC! They must Dump it! (Clint)

4. Alpha Omega- Looking for new Co-Director (Nancy)
5. 2020 Census is coming up. It's going to all be electronic. We need our people counted. There is work we can do here to get the message out. Hoping to work with Michigan Works to get it to some of our secluded districts. Need to get people counted to continue to provide services. If people don't do census, we get funding cut. (Clint)
6. Parent Talk:. Still doing them. Not getting a lot of participation. 6 session program. Will come to sites in community. Do you have families interested? Has Funding for 4 more sessions. this year (Mari)
7. Preschool Applications in April (Angie)
8. Sub Training March 28th. Only need GED or HS Diploma to sub for Head Start . Flier on Facebook or See Angie for details. (Angie)

Next Meeting...April 15th 9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.