



**Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023**

Attendance:

Angie Turner, CAA	Kristy Wood, Child Care Network	Yvonne Parker, CAA	Christie Campbell, CAPA
Daniel Klink, MSU Extension	Bryce Asberg, Helping Hands Pregnancy Resource Center	Laura Orłowski, Jonesville District Library	Anna Weide, CAA/Early Head Start
Allison Wirick, Hillsdale GSRP	Mindy Wilson, HCISD	Abby Alley, HCISD	Kimberly Kin, MSU Extension
Mari Nunez, Jonesville Schools	Wendy Playford, GSC	Stefanie Rathburn, GSC	Andrea Bricker, Integro
Linda Wise, HCISD	Stephanie Hines, HCISD		

I. Welcome/Introductions

- A. Introductions from attendees
- B. "Name that Tune" welcome activity

II. GSC Office Updates (Stefanie/Wendy)

A. Marketing Fundraising Committee

- 1. Next meeting: April 24th at 11am: Lunch provided so RSVP to Stefanie
- 2. June 20th 11-3 at Fairgrounds: Safety Fair
 - a) Great topics
 - b) Finalized flier and registration form to come soon
 - c) Next planning meeting: April 24th at 9am at Hayes
- 3. Summer PLAY
 - a) Summer PLAY Planning this afternoon at 1pm
- 4. Talking Is Teaching Learning Kits
 - a) Wrote grant for infant and ages 1-5 kits
 - b) Embedded with lots of great materials and toys
 - c) Launched distribution at Project Connect and a few pop-up events.
 - d) 190+ kits to give away. Have 4-5 days at WIC planned to distribute to families.
 - e) If any agency has events coming up that might be good for us to share, please let Stefanie know. Trying to get them distributed.

5. Event Updates
 - a) Game Night: 14 families. Provided gas cards & books. Importance of Gross Motor skills was nuggets for knowledge.
 - b) Parent Meeting: 2 times offered
 - (1) Parents at both meetings. 1 parent in morning, 2 parents in evening.
 - (2) Shared data from Hillsdale County Kids Count and why parent voice is important
 - c) Preschool Round Up
 - d) March is Reading Month Celebration
 - (1) provided books
 - (2) meal
 - (3) literacy tips was the knowledge nugget
 - e) Upcoming
 - (1) Spring Fling April 20th
 - (2) May 11th, Literacy Event at Udder Side
 - (3) Parent meeting/Focus Group with Health Department
 - (a) Invite only, invited all parents attended in past
 - (b) Target number of 8 with RSVP's to support this

III. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Child Care/Kristy Wood
 1. Pathway to Licenced Care Grant is gone, but now have 7 newly licensed programs
 2. First Newsletter: Child Care Chirp: News Your Business Can Use
 - a) released last month
 - b) next one in May
 3. Next month: Quarterly Provider Networking event combined with recognition of child care providers
- B. Community Resources/Andrea Bricker and Angie Turner
 1. Resource Guide: reviewing content and making updates
 - a) QR code and window cling distribution
 2. Social Media Training
 - a) Unsure of exact numbers, but great feedback and enjoyed by attendees
 3. Food Pantries: Looking to build partnerships and market their availability.
- C. Literacy/Stefanie Rathburn
 1. Embedding literacy into all events we do
 2. Literacy Pop-Up in May and Sept
 3. Story Walk Aug 12/19th(rain date)
 - a) Farmers Market collaboration
 4. Facebook Outreach
 - a) 5-7 outreach posts per month
 5. Reviewing work plan
 - a) very on track to be completing target items for this year.
 6. Read by Third Grade

- a) Literacy team is currently reviewing content to see what is relevant and what might need to be revised
 - b) Posters may be switched out depending on needing changes
- D. Pediatric & Family Health/Mari Nunez
- 1. Medial Provider Recognition
 - a) Baskets for recognition
 - (1) Community Dental Care
 - (2) Dr. Shaw
 - (3) Family Practice
 - (4) St. Peters
 - (5) Doulas
 - (6) CPIF Resource solutions
 - 2. Welcome Baby Marketing Plan
 - a) Getting word out that this exists
 - b) Taking information all over county
 - (1) gas stations, post offices, coffee shops, massage therapists, marijuana dispensaries, etc.
 - (2) New registrations coming in
 - 3. Social Media
 - a) 1/month is goal
 - b) Have been hitting this and a few more
 - 4. On track for Work Plan
 - 5. Looking at Retreat Planning for Summer
- E. School Readiness Advisory/Mindy Wilson
- 1. Recruitment
 - a) This year
 - b) Next year
 - 2. Working on tentative dates for 2023 including PD & discussed restructuring of the Advisory Committee. 1 meeting monthly to cover all initiatives for the work group.
 - 3. Working on a way to collect parent input
 - a) In process of creating surveys
 - (1) One to start the year
 - 4. GSRP Data Dive Report/Linda Wise
 - a) 8 participants
 - b) TS Gold Data & CLASS data reviewed
 - (1) Pleasantly surprised that more children scored at or above at every level than they have before
 - (a) Implementation of AI's Pals and Pyramid model supported this
 - (b) Training & kits for all teachers
 - (2) Baseline for CLASS to know where classrooms fell.
 - (a) Will use this as comparison data in the next data review.
 - (b) Goal of this data is to make our classrooms stronger learning environments for students and staff.

(3) PD

(a) Instructional Support: Provide Teachers more training in using feedback looks

(b) Math focus

(i) April is Math Month- Next year we would like to focus on Math the month of April

(ii) Padlet Resource for this year

(a) Teachers share activities

5. Updated Kindergarten Readiness Brochure & Preschool Options Brochure

IV. Strategic Planning

A. Stefanie & Wendy have been participating in cohort training.

B. Continue to piece together our planning for upcoming years through our collaborative activities

1. review of data

2. conversations

C. The outcomes set by the state are HUGE

1. Big continuum birth - 3rd grade

2. Challenging to figure the area/goals to put most of our work/time toward

3. Hard to draw connections with data sometimes

D. Focus: Gathering more input from parents

1. We can brainstorm what we think are biggest challenges, but may be very different from parent perspective

2. Wendy & Health Department are doing an in-depth focus group with parents to get some key perspectives.

a) includes 8 parents

b) But would love perspective from 100's of parents

3. Fast 5 Surveys

a) Concept introduced at Stefanie's Strategic Planning learning sessions led by Early Childhood Support Network

b) What is it: 5 quick questions, won't take longer than 5 minutes to complete, and can give us rich information needed to plan

c) Need to ask:

(1) Will this question give us answers that are important or valuable

(2) Don't need to ask additional questions

d) Sample of Fast 5 Questions in packet

4. Will be developing this Fast 5, to give to agencies and providers across the county to inform where our GSC committees will go next.

E. Fast 5 Questions Activity: Get into Small Groups of 4

1. Get in groups and then:

a) Read list of questions

b) Make your own notes on how you perceive

c) Open dialog on why you selected to keep or get rid of certain questions

- d) Decide 5 questions that your group feels would be good for parents to meet our goal of a Fast 5 that cover all outcomes.
2. All groups provided reports of questions to keep, to delete or recommended edits. Last reporting group provided the perspective of wanting to hear the stories of families. They reworked the questions into the following:
 1. What priorities do you have for your children?
 2. What obstacles make it hard to achieve that vision?
 3. What is your biggest worry?
 4. Where do you go or who do you call for help?
 5. What resources are we missing in Hillsdale county that would help?
3. Additional feedback provided:
 - a) Check offs: If you create it for them, then we've already prescribed
 - b) Question 5: reword more specific to Hillsdale County
 - c) Prefer Qualitative or Quantitative: Don't pin-hole people as much
 - d) Like open ended not narrowed by lists
4. Group as a whole liked the recommendation of the last reporting group. The Executive Committee will tweak language and bring the final version for dissemination to the May meeting.
5. Creating electronic and paper versions

V. Community Updates

A. Local Interagency Coordinating Council/Abby

1. Been off for 2 weeks.
2. Prepping for Spring Fling- drive-through event
3. Summer Playgroups- Joining GSC playgroups and having some of our own
4. Busiest time of year: Transition Time. Kids transitioning to preschool
5. 255 Referrals currently since July 1, 2022 (215 this time last year)
6. SIPP- 18 month long Social Emotional Cohort with MDE
 - a) Meet monthly with counties across state
 - b) Getting good data from updating DECAs more often, consistently and printing reports

B. Agency Updates

1. Preventions Works: Experience Wellness/Andrea
 - a) 1st time event
 - b) Free, no registration
 - c) Will take place Sat. April 22nd at Senior Center
 - d) Help people embrace different ways to express/increase health and wellness
 - e) Yard Signs coming soon
 - f) Marketing picking up this week
 - g) Follow "Prevention Works" on Facebook
 - h) See Flier
2. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month/Christie

- a) Pinwheel garden
 - b) Billboard/social media: If you see something, say something
 - c) Go Media Detroit partnership with banners, social media and promotions
 - d) Saturday: 5K at fairgrounds. Registration at 3
 - (1) Kid fun run
 - (2) Food trucks
 - (3) Open to public
3. MSU Extension: Hiring for Community Nutrition Instructor/Kimberly
- a) Shared via email
 - b) Reach out for flier
 - c) Share broadly
 - d) Service Hillsdale & Jackson communities

Next Meeting...May 1st

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.