

Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes

April 23, 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), Betty Elliott (Child Care Provider), Christine Cgjestland (Highfields), Debra Fasick (Community Choice Credit Union), Ruth Brown (Hillsdale County Commissioner), Angela Turner (Community Action Agency), Yvonne Parker (Community Action Agency), Larry Bricker (Department of Health & Human Services), Jo Essenmacher (Reading GSRP), Jen Houston (Highfields), Linda Wise (HCISD/GSRP), Cheryl Schaefer (Parent), Mindy Wilson (HCISD), Stefanie Rathburn (Great Start Collaborative), Gina Fosdick (Great Start Collaborative), Jonathan Tobar (HCISD), Rozeanne Pauze (Parent/Grandparent), Kelly Castle (Parent), Abby Bauerly (Department of Health & Human Services), Amy Glover (Parent), Laurie Brandes (Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition), Stacy Ansel (HCISD), Christie Campbell (CAPA), Kristy Wood (Child Care Network), Jane Argiero (Judson Center PARC), Andrea Bricker (Integro), Catherine Ellis (Michigan Works Southeast), Clint Brugger (Community Action Agency), Beth Rubley (Highfields), Terrina Liogghio (211), Emmarie Truman (211), Melissa Ladd Patnode (211), Lona Carpenter (Parent), Marylou Sitkiewicz (Litchfield Community Schools), Micha Moore (Hillsdale Schools)

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Mari Nunez called meeting to order.
- b. New people in attendance. Tell us your name, agency and what you do.
- c. Welcome by Stefanie Rathburn to new members and everyone in attendance

2. 211 Presentation

- a. Melissa Ladd Patnode, Emmarie Truman & Terrina Liogghio presentation
- b. Overview of program
- c. Enter zip code when you call to pinpoint your specific area
- d. Available statewide now
- e. Can call, email, text or chat
- f. Report on needs can be found at: Centralmichigan211.org/communityreports
- g. Database updated yearly

3. GSC Office

- a. Trusted Advisor Grants
 - Will be contracting for playgroups. Working on summer schedule.
 - Continuing to work on partnership between food banks and local schools.
 - CAA may be able to help local districts who do not have necessary 501c3 status.
- b. GSC/GSPC Statewide Site Visit
 - Coming to look at our efforts on Wednesday, May 9th.
 - We are still looking for community members who would like to share information about the collaboratives work.
 - Will do phone interviews if time doesn't work for you.
 - All meetings will happen in this building
- c. Future Meeting Dates
 - i. June 2018
 - Discussion with group about bumping our meeting up to early June as we lost a large number last year once school was out. Meetings will be close together, but should be fine. New dates will be reflected in agenda.
 - ii. In order to avoid that challenge in the future, discussion about transitioning from a September - June schedule to a August to May schedule. Group was on board with this change.
- d. Parent Liaison Report
 - Thursday, Sheriff Parker will be coming to speak. Evening only, No daytime

- Had strengthening families assessment, waiting for input back to share.

4. Baby Shower Update

- a. Stefanie gave brief overview of what the day looked like.
- b. About 80 families RSVP'd, but only around 53 families attended
- c. Rozeanne shared. Her daughter attended. Although she was reluctant to go, she had a great time. Felt welcomed and was an overall positive experience. She loved the handouts. Very happy about the door prizes. Daughter was extremely impressed overall
- d. We had an abundance of donations. Almost everyone won something or multiple items.
- e. Andrea Bricker shared her feedback: Wonderful attendance. Families stayed at booth. Was surprised how much they were able to connect and learn from other agencies. That was a bonus. Didn't expect that to happen, but was very nice to connect. Found resources for postpartum depression that didn't know of.
- f. 18 agencies participated with a table. Want to pack the gym next year
- g. There were challenges. Will discuss in committee time. Want to make it bigger and better next year.
- h. Plan annual event for consistency.
- i. Clint shared that he enjoyed working the registration table. Was great set-up. Loved how it was created for families to attend with a purpose.
- j. Hoping evaluation will give us key for future planning
- k. Rozeanne shared that her daughter shared that she felt listened to, and heard when she disagreed with one of the safe-sleep topics.
- l. Christine Gjestland- Loved getting to interact with attendees and hear the excitement
- m. Laurie loved the opportunity to connect with other agencies
- n. We were awarded \$2500 love your community grant, so we will be doing this next year.

5. Sub-committee work

- a. Childcare
 - i. have providers who used free training pass for 1st time
 - ii. series of three articles in the paper coming in May
 - iii. Waiting for survey results form baby shower
- b. Literacy
 - i. Working on borrowing bins
 - ii. If you know of other business that my want to be involved, see Stacey. She has talking points and information
 - iii. take all ranges of books
 - iv. borrow while you wait... on site
- c. Pediatric & Family Health/Community Resources
 - i. Debrief on community baby shower
 - ii. lots of feedback
 - iii. will survey agency providers and presenters
 - iv. firm up date for next year and do save the dates

6. Community Updates

- a. Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)

- i. Governor signed legislation to give an additional \$5 million to Early On
- b. School Readiness
 - i. Joint Recruitment in full swing
 - ii. CAA is scheduling intake appointments
 - iii. GSRP legislation: 4 year olds that turn 4 between September 1 and December 1st may be eligible for GSRP, however, they cannot be enrolled before September 1st. The state had said we must make effort to ensure fully eligible children are enrolled before age waived children.

7. Agency Updates Agency Updates

- a. Christie- Wednesday April 25 at noon. CAPA rally. Handful of speakers. On courthouse lawn. Child Abuse prevention
- b. May 18th, 11 to 1:30. CAA picnic date. Vendor flyers going out today. Hoping for a sunny day
- c. CAA- Advisory Council that guides the work that we do in this county. Right now we only have 2 participants. If you know parents or are yourself interested in participating, contact Clint. 3rd Thursday of every month at noon at CAA.
- d. Michigan Works- Hiring Blitz, May 16th from 10 to 2, Michigan Works. Come ready for interview, bring resume, can come work on resume before if needed. Flier will be sent out by Stefanie.
- e. Linda still is trying to put together a Data Team to look at PQA's. If you have a desire, please email Linda.Wise@hillsdale-isd.org

Next meeting is scheduled for May 21st 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Please note that the June meeting date is moved to
Monday, June 4th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

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.

