



Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes November 2022

Attendees:

Allison Wirick, Hillsdale GSRP	Linda Wise, HCISD	Kristy Wood, Child Care Network
Kris Dewey, BHSJ CHA	Anna Weide, CAA	Christie Campbell, CAPA
Rozanne Pauze, Grandparent	Maria Ansett, Right to Innocence	Tonia Gier, Domestic Harmony
Stephanie Hines, HCISD	Chris Firestone, LifeWays	Betty Elliott, Child Care Provider
Abby Alley, HCISD	Wendy Playford, GSC	Stefanie Rathburn, GSC
Andrea Bricker, Integro	Mindy Wilson, HCISD	Kimberly Kin, MSU Extension
Laura Orłowski, Jonesville District Library	Brooke Rains, Child Care Network	

Meeting Minutes:

1. **Welcome/Introductions**

2. **Spotlight Presentation: LifeWays Autism Services under Medicaid(Shannon Clevenger)**
 - a. LifeWays Presentation: Autism Program Basics
 - i. Medicaid or MiChild up to 21st birthday (not eligible the day they turn 21)
 - ii. Commercial insurance has other regulations
 - iii. Assessed by Lifeways, then referred for testing
 1. Use ADIR(Interview with caregiver) and ADOS(testing)
 2. Additional testing as well for best diagnostic
 - a. Have seen ADHD, ODD, Complex Trauma, Anxiety, etc.
 - iv. Many referrals from Early On
 - v. While working with families we need:
 1. Referral from Medical Provider
 2. Copy of Well Child Visit summary (usually include MCHAT)
 - b. Recommendations/Findings:
 - i. Autistic and could benefit from ABA (behavior training for the child)
 - ii. Autistic, but not recommended for ABA (impairment isn't high enough or have a large enough impact)
 - iii. Not Autistic, No ABA
 - c. No clinics or office space in Hillsdale County

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- i. Some providers interested in providing service in Hillsdale County, but no space
- d. 5 current providers out of Jackson County
- e. ABA looks different depending on child and the intensity/need
 - i. Very regimented, task-focused
 - ii. No minimum hours of therapy
- f. Family Training Component:
 - i. Discrete Trial Training
 - ii. Family Training
 - iii. Help sustain
- g. School:
 - i. Compulsory age: ABA cannot happen during school
 - ii. State of Michigan very clear: ABA cannot supplant
 - iii. If child in school, regardless of age, ABA cannot happen during school hours
 - iv. IEP Reduced Day
 - 1. If child needs reduced day, ABA can happen when child not in school
 - 2. Cannot offer pay for child to receive during school instructional time
- h. If child loses Medicaid, no longer eligible for ABA
- i. Private Insurance
 - i. Must jump through all primary insurance hoops first
 - ii. If Blue Cross Blue Shield and Medicaid, must go through their insurance first and be deemed eligible prior to Medicaid/LifeWays assessment
 - iii. Get copy of report and send to LifeWays
 - iv. LifeWays can show they are not supplanting primary insurance, and also can use the report
 - v. Blue Cross Blue Shield List of AAEC's- Places and phone numbers that a private insurance recipient should reach out to for testing.
 - 1. Provide this to families and recommend they call
 - vi. Very comprehensive and thorough
 - 1. ADIR, ADOS, Speech, Cognitive, etc.
- j. LifeWays assessment takes approximately 6-8 weeks in total.
- k. Re-evaluated every 3 years for ABA benefit
- l. 235 kids currently eligible for ABA in Hillsdale & Jackson
- m. Lots of kids coming in with other issues
- n. Age:
 - i. 18 months is typical starting age
 - ii. If earlier, may recommend additional testing in the near future (next year)
 - iii. Speech delays will often come with referral
 - 1. Talk about speech services, early interventions, etc.
 - iv. Older kids:
 - 1. No IEP or 504, usually behavior related
- o. Autism Alliance of Michigan
 - i. Refer families here for support with Insurance
 - ii. They offer Navigators to help families navigate the system

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- p. LifeWays Website
 - i. Lots of information.
 - ii. <https://www.lifewaysmi.org/>

3. GSC Office Updates (Stef and Wendy)

- a. Region 9 from Last month: Doula Care
 - i. Great conversation
 - ii. PFH subcommittee is going to continue conversations
 - iii. If you have follow up needs, please reach out to Stefanie for Helen's contact information
 - iv. Aware of 2 local people exploring the training opportunity
- b. Funding:
 - i. Great Give coming up (see more details below)
 - ii. Safety Fair Planning meeting: Nov. 16th 1:30 at Dean Jennings
 - 1. 1st time event
 - 2. Funding from Community Foundation: Love your Community Grant
- c. Community Resources: Social Media Training in the Spring
 - 1. 3 different sessions with different topics
 - a. No cost
 - b. details soon
 - c. Survey coming out soon to gather better information on needs and wishes for this training
 - 2. Partnering with MSU Extension
 - a. Survey to get more information on the tracks for this training.
- d. Resource Directory
 - 1. Article in Hillsdale Daily news in September
 - 2. Located on our website
 - ii. Kris Dewey connected Stefanie with Ann Arbor CA Mental Health Summit for a Presentation on Resource Guide
- e. Parent Coalition
 - i. 4 total parents
 - ii. 1 new parent
 - iii. great discussion
 - iv. participated in Fall Fest
 - 1. 165 kids
 - 2. ran out of crafts
 - v. Upcoming
 - 1. Nov. 15th Game Night at Hayes
 - 2. Parent Coalition meeting: Nov 16th
 - a. 11am & 4:30pm
 - b. Registration available and needed please
 - c. Kroger gift card give-away
 - 3. Winterfest: Dec. 8th 5-6:30, Dean Jennings Drive though event
 - a. Agency interested in having a table, please notify Stef, e-mail coming soon.

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- b. Fliers on table

4. Strategic Planning Activity

- a. Wrote last plan 6 years ago... It is time.
 - i. Should be driven by data and parent voice
- b. To prepare, we need to start thinking about:
 - i. **What do we want to know from Hillsdale County parents to drive our work as a Collaborative?**
- c. Activity:
 - i. Look at four early childhood outcomes from MDE. Take a post-it note and write your thoughts on what we need to know from PARENTS about this outcome to guide our work and success.
 - ii. Four Posters- Early Childhood Outcomes from MDE:
 - 1. Children are born healthy
 - 2. Children are healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade.
 - 3. Children are developmentally ready to succeed in school at time of school entry.
 - 4. Children are prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade.
- d. Results:
 - i. Lots of great questions
 - 1. some for parents
 - 2. some parent to parent directed
 - ii. Will send them out in a summary document
 - iii. Very useful questions on these charts
 - iv. Short discussion at your table:
 - 1. Parent coalition has 3 long-standing parents & 1 new parent. Actively recruiting, but not the most diverse group right now to get these answered
 - 2. Discuss at our table: Out of the box creative ways on how to get feedback from parents that don't attend.
 - a. Record a running list of these potential ideas at your table

5. Great Give Marketing

- a. When people set goals and identify what they plan to use the funding for, they were more successful. So this year, we have a targeted goal
- b. This year: Focus on books and distributing widely
- c. Last year: gave out 1700 books
- d. Target for Great Give: \$8500 so we can give same amount of books
 - i. Included this in the letter we sent out
- e. Kayla & Literacy Team is working on Initiatives with LEA's to engage them in Buck\$ for Books
- f. In-house Competition
 - i. ISD Buildings: Hayes, Dean Jennings & HACC to raise some funds
- g. Commitments from a few of the libraries to partner. Outreach to other libraries.
- h. Great Give Flier & Donor letter included in agenda packet

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- i. Share the letter as you feel
- ii. Get Stefanie contact information and she will send letter if you prefer
- iii. Reach out to Stef with additional questions about the Great Give
- iv. Share facebook posts to agency and personal pages
- v. Consider a monetary donation of own

6. Community Updates

a. Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)

- i. 119 referrals since July 1st- Staying busy
- ii. New teacher added at beginning of the year: Sydney Barrett
- iii. Early On Grant: Hoping to hire an additional member to the team
 - 1. Early Interventionist Posting coming soon
 - 2. Staff member going on maternity leave in March

b. Agency Updates

- i. GSRP Data Dive (Linda): Friday 11th in person at Dean Jennings. Contact Linda Wise if you would like to join. We'd love to have you.
- ii. MSU Extension (Kimberly Kin): Looking for a community nutrition instructor for Hillsdale.. Haven't had anyone in this position in Hillsdale for almost a year. Have some candidates to interview. If you are interested in having the Instructor come to support your work, please connect with Kim.
- iii. JHIMH Chapter (Andrea): Celebrate Babies last month. Thanked over 150 home visitors and parents with a card & chocolate. 1st ever Virtual Yoga event. Follow on Facebook: Jackson Hillsdale IMH Chapter. Can see all the agencies and organizations involved on our facebook. Please check it out.
- iv. Nurturing Parenting (Chris Firestone): Classes going currently. Will start a new session in January. Guiding Good Choices for parents of children 9-14, looking for referrals.
- v. CAPA (Christie): Triple P Positive parenting running every 3 weeks. E-mail TriplePHillsdale@gmail.com
- vi. Health Department (Kris Dewey): Get your flu shots. RSV is really rough right now. Use your Reduction of Germ sharing Knowledge
- vii. Preschool (Mindy): Openings still available. open to 3 & 4 year olds. Please see fliers and send families our way.

7. Door Prizes: Congratulations

Next Full GSC Meeting: December 5th

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