



## Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes October 2022

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1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Spotlight Presentation: Region 9 Perinatal Quality Collaborative
  - a. Hillsdale, Livingston, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe, & Washtenaw (Region 9)
  - b. <https://youtu.be/KT578Dlu97U>
  - c. Difference between Midwife and Doula
    - i. Midwife is more medical
    - ii. Doula is about psycho-social health and connecting them to resources
      1. Postpartum - assessing mom/baby, support at home, lifeline to make appropriate connections, etc.
      2. 50% of postpartum deaths happen after day seven
  - d. Grant \$34,000 to support doulas
    - i. Education about what doula care is and why it is important
    - ii. Financially sponsoring cohort to be trained as certified doulas
    - iii. Developing mentorship program between existing doulas and the new cohort
      1. Doula is about preparing people for prenatal, labor, parenting
      2. Impact of doula is a different lens

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3. "Ripples of education in a pond."
  4. Doulas are independently contracted - Ann Arbor is about \$2,000 per pregnancy
    - a. Now doulas can bill Medicaid
  5. Doulas can support birth at home AND hospital birth
  - e. Best Practices
    - i. Recognize Role
    - ii. Respect Choice
    - iii. Collaborate
  - f. Digital Materials available to Stefanie (attached)
3. Reflection
- a. What was the most significant thing you learned?
    - i. Doula versus Midwife unaware of the difference
    - ii. Awareness of the doula role
  - b. How does that fit into our work as the Great Start Collaborative?
    - i. Great Start is a great birth!
    - ii. Promotion on website/Facebook
      1. Did you know...? - post
4. GSC Office
- a. Updates
    - i. Director
      1. Work plan submitted in September
      2. Accepted to participate in the Great Give
        - a. Meeting next Monday at Dean Jennings at 10am
          - i. Marketing efforts for the Great Give
          - ii. Target a specific activity rather than the GSC, in general
      3. Love Your Community Grant
        - a. Community Wide Safety Fair
        - b. Simplified version of a Baby Shhower with a focus on safety of children
        - c. Spring of 2023
        - d. Sign in sheet for the planning committee to go around
    - ii. Parent Lliaison
      1. Literacy Pop Up
        - a. 46 families attended
        - b. 86 children were registered
        - c. Impressive for a first time location! Thanks to all who promoted the event!
        - d. Here are some additional data points that might be of interest to you:
          - i. Where do the families who attended reside?

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- Reading - 28
- Camden - 7
- Quincy - 3
- Montgomery - 2
- Allen - 2
- Jonesville - 1
- North Adams - 1
- Pittsford - 1
- Hillsdale - 1

**b. Brainstorming Activity**

- i. What do we want to know from Hillsdale County parents to drive our work as a Collaborative? (moved to November)**

**5. Community Updates**

- Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)
  - Abby reported that they are still incredibly busy and will have more informaton to share in November.
- Agency Updates
  - CAPA
    - Safe Sleep Awareness Month
      - Commercial on Comcast; billboards in community
    - October 8th - MSU extension classroom - free Stewards of Children training
  - Hillsdale County Community Foundation
    - 2 available grants are due by 4 pm on November 1st
    - All applications have been moved online
      - Must create account and complete preliminary application
  - Domestic Harmony
    - Violence Awareness month
      - silhouettes on courthouse lawn share stories of those impacted by domestic violence
  - GSC
    - Fall Fest October 19th - hold the date; should be opportunity to register and a flyer SOON; Stefanie will send as soon as she has the materials

**Next Full GSC Meeting: November 7th**

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