

Eaton County's GREAT START Collaborative

Minutes: October 29, 2007

Eaton County's GREAT START Collaborative met in regular session on October 29, 2007. Joyce Nickle, Collaborative Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting began with introductions.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

- Cindy reported on the recent "Cosmic Celebration," held in Dearborn. Speakers included Governor Granholm, who praised the ECIC's work. Currently there are twenty-one county recipients of Early Childhood Investment Corporation grants.
- D'Lynn and Kimi reported on the mini-conference on collaboration held in Battle Creek on October 22. Topics included locating funding sources and increasing participation. Workplace on-site day care was a topic of discussion at the conference.
- Members were encouraged to browse the newly updated and increasingly perfected Great Start website. Most links are now activated, several other, along with additional features, will be added soon. D'Lynn was identified as the contact person for listing community events in the calendar. Website informational cards were distributed.
- Nancy reported on changes to the Benchmarks document which have recently been acted upon by the Human Services Collaborative Council and the Program and Services Committee..

ECC Report:

- D'Lynn, Cindy, Kimi, and Ronda will be attending the NAEYC conference in Chicago for four days. Additionally, four Head Start staff members will attend.
- Ronda requested assistance forming a sub-committee to assist with the Strategic Plan. A motion was passed to form a Strategies Sub-committee. The motion was made by D'Lynn, and supported by Peg. The committee will be comprised of Pat Simmons, Lisa Lee, and Nikki Selleck. Ronda will follow-up with scheduling.
- The Work Plan was reviewed for updates by the Collaborative. A Community Awareness Campaign will begin in January 2008. Dan Holmes of Adams Advertising will become a member of the committee working on this campaign.
- D'Lynn is now teaching in the Potterville MSRP program, which is up and running. Potterville Schools have provided a classroom for the program. The Potterville program has a capacity for sixteen children. Enrollment currently includes eight four-year-old children.

Work Session:

The Collaborative recessed to work in small groups to edit and update the Infrastructure Review.

Proposed Change to Logo:

Upon re-grouping, the full group discussed the current Collaborative logo. Since the ECIC

provides Collaborative annual funding, it has been proposed by the ECIC that local logos be adapted to include the ECIC symbol. However, several other groups also provide funding. Not all funding sources can be included within the logo, it was pointed out. Members discussed the various pros and cons to altering the current logo. Dave offered a motion to maintain the logo as currently designed and utilized. This motion was supported by Joyce. The motion passed unanimously. However, a second motion was introduced by Joyce. The second motion requires a compromise logo be used if required by the ECIC. This motion was also approved.

Updates:

Joyce reported that her husband has been attending the Charlotte based Proud Father's classes and he is finding them very worthwhile. She also indicated that a Kinship Care Support Event will be held on November 14th at the EISD building on Packard Hwy.

The next Collaborative meeting is scheduled for November 26.

The October 2007 Great Start Collaborative meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m..