

Great Start Collaborative of Eaton County Early Childhood Connections
Executive Committee
Minutes: April 20, 2009

Present: Joni Risner, Ronda Rucker, Nikki Sellack, Cindy Van Neste, Debra Williamson, Marissa Zamudio

Item 1: Fund Mapping Report

Ronda presented the final version of the Fund Mapping Report prepared by Kay Sneyd, ECC Intern. She asked the Committee to consider: the best ways to move the report forward and to present the information to the community at-large.

Consensus:

This project is an internal report to be used for collaborative purposes and to leverage funding for early childhood efforts.

Ronda will present a report on the project to the Eaton County Human Services Collaborative as part of her previously scheduled May biennial update to that group. In her presentation, possibly prepared in graphic power point format, she will refer to percentages of dollars, across agencies, as opposed to actual dollar amounts, as well as to the number of funding streams, both State and federal, explored. She will include explanation regarding the associated health care expenses reflected in the report. Contextual data on the connection between early childhood investment and public expenditure will be included in the presentation.

Following this presentation to the HSC, a general news release, thanking Kay for her work, will be prepared and sent to the local media. The project will be presented in the context of the statewide effort through ECIC to collect and collate funding information for collaborative and advocacy purposes.

The Communications Committee will develop a questions-and-answers document regarding the fund mapping project for GSC purposes.

Item 2: Juvenile Justice RFP Letters of Support

Ronda asked the Committee to consider how to approach agency requests for letters of support for Juvenile Justice granted funding. She has already sent out a notice and has received no requests for support from the GSC.

Consensus:

The Committee advised Ronda to send one more email reminder including an end-date for receiving requests.

Item3: Funding for GSC Systems Building

The ECIC has funded a “systems building” project through the GSC. Ronda suggested the funding be used for a professional development training on electronic networking. Marissa will provide a list of possible training resources.