

**COPPER COUNTRY GREAT START COLLABORATIVE  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
November 6, 2008**

**Technical Assistance Meetings**

Cathy and I attended the last technical assistance meeting of the start-up phase in Frankenmuth on September 24th and 25th. Part III of the Early Childhood System Assessment, the Early Childhood System Review was covered in detail. This Review will be conducted simultaneously with the Strategic Review. We also heard presentations by Stefanie Fanjul, President of the North Carolina Partnership for Children; David Hollister, President and CEO of Prima Civitas Foundation, Marvin McKinney, Senior Consultant for the MSU Family Research Initiative, and Larry Schweinhart, President, High Scope Educational Research Foundation. Mr. Hollister, Mr. McKinney and Mr. Schweinhart are all members of the ECIC Board. I have copies of a paper written by Mr. Hollister entitled, "A Public Policy Primer, How to get off the Sidelines and into the Game" if anyone would like a copy.

I attended the first in our series of bi-monthly regional meetings on Thursday, October 30th, in Newberry. The facilitator, Alissa Parks updated the group on ECIC activities - our new technical assistance person should be hired and on the job within the next month. I will get this information out to you as soon as I receive it. Budget requirements and several items in our contract were reviewed. Alissa and the Phase I members answered questions about the tasks due for the Phase II groups this year. We also discussed bring a speaker in to address local collaboratives in the spring. We will meet at least three more times this fiscal year.

Taryn will be attending the 2nd Annual Michigan Early Childhood Challenge on November 18th to represent our Collaborative as I am unable to attend. Thanks, Taryn.

The Poverty Summit will be held on November 13th in Detroit. If anyone would like to attend this important event, please let me know.

**Meetings with Members**

I have met individually with six members and three potential members. This completes my meetings with current members. I will continue to recruit new members. We welcome any suggestions Collaborative members have for adding new members who will reflect the demographics of our Copper Country community and are enthusiastic about this endeavor. The meetings have been very helpful and informative for me. I hope that they have been beneficial for members as well.