



GREAT START COLLABORATIVE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, November 6, 2008

Present were: Scott Ala – County Commissioner, Sharon Arend – Early On, Jean Ballone – Parent and Western U.P. Health Department, Cathy Benda – Keweenaw Family Resource Center, Dennis Harbour – CCISD Superintendent, Doreen Klingbeil – Houghton Elementary Principal, Angela Lucas – Portage Health, Taryn Mack – Copper Country Community Mental Health, Kelley Martin – Parent, Cheryl Mills – BHK Child Development, Dave Olsson – Keweenaw Economic Development Agency, Barb Rose – Keweenaw Community Foundation, Ray Sharp – Data Consultant, Heather Store – Parent Liaison, Rosemary White – 4C’s, Dean Woodbeck – Communications Consultant, and Emilie Krznarich – CCGSC Director. Judy Heath - Tribal Social Services joined via conference phone.

- 1. Introductions were made. The Collaborative welcomed Dave Olsson as a new member representing the Keweenaw Economic Development Agency. Dave owns The Marketing Department. Gregg Nominelli, the Economic Developer for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and Chuck Nelson, CEO of Aspirus Keweenaw, have also agreed to become members. They were unable to attend today’s meeting. Heather Store was welcomed as the Parent Liaison. Heather’s background is in communications which will serve well in her new position.**
- 2. A motion was made by Scott and supported by Barb to approve the minutes from the September 17th. The minutes were approved as read.**
- 3. Emilie reported on activities since the last meeting. Cathy commented on the benefits of attending the Technical Assistance meeting with Emilie in Frankenmuth. Other members will be encouraged to attend future TA meetings as appropriate.**
- 4. Heather reported on the Parent Liaison activities of the past six weeks. She also shared an informational handout that she developed to share with parent groups. The first Parent Coalition meeting is planned for December.**
- 5. Cheryl Mills reported on the activities of the Data Committee, which met twice during October to review the data from ECIC and to discuss local data. Thanks to all for your help.**
 - a. Ray reviewed a PowerPoint presentation of the data. This was a condensed version of the information that was sent to members last week. Emilie will be contacting members via email to ask for feedback on the data.**

- 6. The Communications Committee met once in October to discuss the Communication Plan including the website and brochure. Emilie shared the website design interface. The design will be emailed to members for feedback.**

Dean presented a draft of the brochure for member comments and input. Comments about both were positive.

- 7. Old Business – The change to the Operating Guidelines regarding meeting attendance was revisited. Taryn moved and Scott supported that the 75% meeting attendance be changed to four meetings. The motion passed. The Guidelines will be distributed at the January meeting.**

A short discussion was held regarding the meeting time. The group agreed that every effort should be made for members to arrive by 11:45 or 11:50 in order to be ready to convene the meeting promptly at noon.

- 8. Agency Updates – Cathy updated the group on the Dropout Prevention Summit. We will be apprised of any future meetings.**

Taryn will be attending the Michigan Early Childhood Challenge on November 18th in Emilie's place. She will also be attending The Poverty Summit on the 13th. Thank you Taryn.

- 9. Next Meeting – the next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8th at noon.**

- 10. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.**