



GREAT START COLLABORATIVE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, December 9th, 2010

Present were Eva-Marie Hatfield, Louisa Wills, Angela Lucas, Heather Store, Katrina Carlson, Ruth Keller, Lynn Barrette Gaunt, Scott Ala, Lisa Schmierer, Cathy Benda, Brenda Lahti, Dave Olsson, Cheryl LaRose, Michael Poma, Lynnette Borree, Renee Marion Dennis Harbour and Emilie Krznarich. Tim Brennan, Katie Stanaway, and Gail Juntunen were connected via video conference.

- 1. Introductions were made. The group welcomed the new BHK Director, Michael Poma, to the Collaborative. The group also congratulated Louisa Wills, DHS Director, on her retirement and thanked her for her contribution to the Collaborative and the early childhood community in the Copper Country.**
- 2. Minutes of August 5th meeting were reviewed and approved.**
- 3. Eva gave a summary of Karen Ray's recommendations to streamline our meetings and encourage more participation from members. Changes include formation of task oriented ad hoc committees that will report directly to the Collaborative and shortened reports from the Director and Parent Liaison.**
- 4. Committee Chairs summarized areas that may be a focus for ad hoc committees – see the attached Goal sheet – possible priority areas are highlighted and discussion points are in bold italics.**
- 5. Emilie announced the budget for the next nine months will be \$93,061.00. We have already received our first quarter funding. The total is about the same as last year, However, there will not be separate Implementation Funds and we will be able to use some of our regular funding to help accomplish our goals for 2011.**

Emilie presented the requirements of Goal 1 from the 2011 of Scope of Work as it relates to our Action Agenda Goals. We must “provide evidence of at least 3 measurable changes/reforms that have increased access to and /or the coordination of high quality programs for young children and their families. These reforms or changes must be drawn from priorities in the Great Start Strategic Plan.

- 6. Several suggestions were made for the three measurable changes:**
 - Collaborating across agencies on training/staff development, including needs assessment, better use of resources and identification and use of “evidence based curricula and practices”.**

- **Data system integration – both Dennis and Michael stated that the ISD, local schools and BHK would be doing extensive work on this.**
- **Improving formal agreements/ MOU's**
- **Follow-up and support for implementation of the IGDI assessment, Preschool response to Intervention and use of Get I got It Go data system.**
- **Implementing a “one stop shop” for services.**
- **Improving the referral and identification process especially with the medical community, including “Established Conditions for Early On” and Social Emotional Delays.**

The following areas were selected:

- 1. Follow-up for the IGDI, etc.**
- 2. Working on a better system for Authorization to share information among agencies.**
- 3. Developing a unified system of training including service providers, child care providers and parents.**

Emilie will send a draft of the Goals to members for comment before finalizing.

- 7. Review of the Operating Guideline Proposed Changes was tabled until the February meeting**
- 8. Lynn Barrette was selected as Vice Chair for the next 2 years.**
- 9. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3rd, 2011, at noon at the ISD.**