

COPPER COUNTRY GREAT START COLLABORATIVE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Thursday, April 1, 2010

Technical Assistance

Heather, Eva and I will be attending the Great Start State Conference on April 15th and 16th. We have room for one more parent and one more collaborative member to attend. The ECIC website ecic4kids.org has specific information if you are interested in checking it out. Past conferences have been very beneficial and presentations are targeted to specific audiences. I was a member of the conference planning committee and appreciated being able to give input into the conference logistics.

Meetings

Our GSC was invited to participate in a web meeting yesterday that focused on setting priorities for the state Department of Community Health – Maternal and Infant Health Division's application for Title V funding. We were asked to participate because some of our Action Agenda Goals focus on the health area. Taryn and I tuned in.

Heather, Louisa, and Taryn attended the first quarterly meeting of the advisory board for the Regional Resource Center for Child Care. Erin Ross has been hired to serve as the Child Care Resource Consultant for The GO and Copper Country areas.

Emilie met with the Baraga County Resource Council to discuss their role as the Baraga County Task Force. Members of the Council will work on setting priorities for Baraga County.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on February 15th and March 29th. The agendas focused on progress on the Action Agenda, formation of the System of Care Committee, membership and recruitment, the Director evaluation, the Wilder, and Star Power among other things.

Health Committee

The Health Committee met on the February 5th and March 5th. The agenda focused on partnering with other health related groups such as the Tobacco Coalition, the Robert Wood Johnson Advisory Group and the Treehouse. We have members that serve on each of these organizations who will report to the committee and work with the groups to decrease rates of obesity in young children and

decrease the number of pregnant women who smoke. We will be meeting with the Dental Association on April 12th to get their input on increasing access to dental care for expectant moms and young children. We have also been in contact with the Rural Health group to be involved in planning for the new clinic.

Early Education and Child Care Committee

The Early Education and Child Care Committee met on March 8th. We finalized the Parent Survey and it is being distributed to agencies and parent groups, posted on the website, given out at the Family Fair, and will be distributed during kindergarten round-ups at the local schools. Please contact Emilie for surveys. Anyone who fills out a survey in person will have a chance to enter a drawing to win a \$25.00 gift certificate from Pat's in one of their three locations. When the survey is completed we will review the information to help give us data about parent needs.

System of Care Committee

The System of Care Committee met for the first time on February 17th. The focus of this committee will be improved collaboration and coordination among service providers. One of our first projects will be to update our resource list.

Fund Development Committee

We are still in need of members for the Fund Development Committee. We have scheduled a Fund Development Training for April 22nd from noon to 4:00 p.m. We are opening this training up to Members of the Collaborative in addition to the members of the Fund Development Committee.

Communication Committee

The Communication Committee met on March 8th. The changes to the website were reviewed and communication goals on the Action Agenda were reviewed. Two newspaper articles and two radio shows were done to highlight the website changes and the parent survey. We have also completed our Update to the Community.

Agendas and Minutes from all the committees are available on request.