

Hillsdale County Great Start Collaborative

Meeting Minutes from 8/4/09

Attendees: Pam Smith CCN, Ginelle Skinner GS Coordinator, Sandra Corbin GS/Early On, Andrea Bricker Healthy Beginnings, Laurie Brandes HSN, Laura Nye DHS, Sharon Roberts HCISD Early On Coordinator, Stacy Vondra Hillsdale College, Maxine Vanderberg CAA, Lois Wolf Parent, Alice Perks Parent, Lisa Tinkey Parent Liaison, Nedene Monforton, Amber Rideman Kinship Care, LaDonna Burkeen Integro llc, Tressa Reiniche HCHC, Brooke Rains CCN, and Alicia Williams ECIC.

The meeting started with an update from Lisa Tinkey regarding the status of the parent coalition. Lisa reports that coalition meetings are now being held on a monthly basis. The parent coalition will be holding their first event called an "Immunization Round Table" on Thursday Aug. 6th 2009 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at CHA (20 Care Drive Hillsdale). This event is for parents to learn more about immunizing children birth to 12 from a local RN. Please RSVP by Aug. 4th by contacting Lisa Tinkey at ltinkey@hillsdale-isd.org or call (517) 437-0990 ext. 217. Please let your parents know that the coalition is still looking for more parent members.

Alicia Williams from ECIC provided update on funding issues and announced that Child Care Network have been awarded the grant for child care support and training- congrats CCN! Following introductions of members, Sherri Butters, the Jackson Great Start Coordinator spoke of a parenting education option that she is extending to Hillsdale County. Sherri proposes that some local service providers will be trained for free in the curriculum "Ready to Learn" and "Parenting Matters" programming. Each trained parenting educator will receive enough material to train 100 parents. Sandra Corbin made a motion to except the partnership with Jackson on this program and motion was seconded by Laura Nye.

Ginelle opened a discussion regarding locations to target for our upcoming community conversations. Many great suggestions offered including back to school events, parenting classes, HSN meeting, board of commissioner meetings, Chamber of Commerce, Superintendent meetings, and the counselors meeting. Ginelle also provided an update

regarding the financial problems with Imagination Library (early literacy program). As well, many great fundraising ideas for Imagination Library were offered. Thanks for all the great suggestions and keep us informed if you think of any other ideas.

The members broke into subcommittees and reviewed the first draft of the community reports. Everyone offered great feedback and your dedication to the content of the community report card is appreciated. Corrections and additions to the report card will be completed and returned to the group before final approval is made.

The meeting was adjourned with lunch provided to participants. The next meeting will be **Oct. 6th 2009 at 10:30 AM**. The location of the next meeting will be announced.