



**Great Start Collaborative Parent Coalition Minutes
July 27, 2009**

Hoyt Library 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Members Present at meeting: Marissa Zamudio, Yolanda Freeman, Dalia Smith, Sarina Brown, Maureen Cieszlak, Celeste Buckely, April Henne, Toinette Ingram, Laura Hill, Sarah Byam, Jill Armentrout and Regina Hilburn

- I. Orientation packet Review
 - Jill passed out Orientation packets for review.
 - We discussed complete list of coalition members.
 - Collection of other materials will be done by August 17th.
 - Add Yellow Pages.
 - Add application to web site.
 - Add addresses of local Representatives and Reimbursement Forms.

- II. Action Plan 2009/10 Planning Session
 - Will be held August 17th, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. to noon at the TC.
 - The development of the Action Plan for the upcoming year will take place.
 - Good teambuilding experience.

- III. Review New Member Forms
 - Reviewed 4 new member applications.
 - Question for Julie: Background checks for members.

- IV. Advocacy Plan/Town Hall
 - Post cards given out at booths, emails gotten at meetings to forward to legislators.
 - Weekly update from Jill forwarded by ECIC.
 - Town Hall Meeting: Either Monday, Sept. 14th or Friday, Sept. 18th at 6 p.m. Legislators could give updates to families. Location is TBD.
 - Activity for children: Child made out of paper with “Invest in Me” written on shirt.

- V. Grant Update – Didn’t receive Home Depot funds. Plan to apply for gardening fund in the fall.

- VI. Sign up for August Booths took place.

Next Meeting - Monday, August 17th, 2009 Transitions Center