



**GREAT START COLLABORATIVE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2010
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
TRANSITIONS CENTER**

PRESENT: Suzanne Greenberg, Rich Van Tol, Julie Kozan, Nancy Peeler, Sabrina Beeman, Angie Percy, Julie Bash, Linda Schneider, Debbie Weadock, Tom Coughlin, Pastor Rufus Bradley, Sr., Leann (graduate student), Connie Macek, Tom Begin, Deanne East, Mary Ellen Johnson, Angela Harris, Lisa Burnell, Barbara Russell, Jill Armentrout, Dianne Dalton, Matt Muempfer, Kim Kiley, Laura Hill, Ellen Hatcher, Deborah Griffin, Pennie Foster-Fishman, GERALYN MYCZKOWIAK., Miles McNail, Claire Vollotton, Meagan Hubbard, Yolanda Freeman, Dalia Smith, Renee Johnston, Cindy Sergeant

- I. Welcome & Ground Rules** **9:00-9:05 (S. Greenberg)**
- Excited to see many new faces at the table! Welcome to Deborah Griffin (Project LAUNCH), Angela Percy (Early Head Start), Pastor Rufus Bradley, Sr. (New Life Ministries) and Tom Coughlin (New Life Ministries/Mission in the City).
- II. Review Agenda and Accept Minutes** **9:05-9:10 (S. Greenberg)**
- No changes to the agenda.
 - Motion to accept November 23, 2009 Minutes made by M.E. Johnson, seconded by L. Burnell.
- III. Project LAUNCH** **9:10-10:25 (State/Local LAUNCH Team)**
Local Environmental Scan
- Welcome to Deborah Griffin – new Project LAUNCH Coordinator!
 - Project LAUNCH brings with it resources and opportunities for technical assistance. Before we can start running services, we need to regroup and scan where we are at with regard to programs and services throughout Saginaw County.
 - Pennie Foster-Fishman and her Michigan State University team provided context and discussion on LAUNCH.
 - Project LAUNCH should be targeting your biggest needs for families with children ages 0-8 years of age.
 - The scan should inform the Strategic Plan.
 - We are required to present a Strategic Plan to SAMHSA by May 17th.
 - We will be starting the scanning process around two of the four domains: Early Care and Education and Family Support and Parenting Education. We will complete the scan of these two domains before the implementation of home visitation services begins.

- Ad Hoc committees will include the key Saginaw leaders that are related to LAUNCH, as well as key stakeholders related to the domain areas AND parents.
- Your job as a GSC Board member is to review and advise as the process continues.
- Please add LAUNCH meeting dates to the GSC website. J. Kozan will send this information to E. Hatcher.
- The LAUNCH team will also be working with the GSC Parent Coalition (GSPC). The GSPC was already planning on embarking on community conversations throughout Saginaw County. LAUNCH will tap into those existing conversations.
- We need more information about the staff that will be providing these services (racial diversity of the staff).
- Question: Will there be a way to capture the dosage? Can we know the intended dosage of the service? Can we know the percent of people you touch with the dosage?
- Can we capture what service EXISTED, but no longer exists? Excellent idea – the evaluation team will work on capturing this.
- Question: How do we measure our success? Project LAUNCH is interested in impact at the community level. Great question that we will be able to answer as we get further into the scanning and strategic planning process.
- Question: Is there a way to assess evidence-based practices that we use? No, but we need to add that to the scan.
- Question: Would it be useful to assess the amount of family-involvement each agency is involved with? Yes, it definitely would be important to know the amount of parent voice that is involved.
- Question: How do we work with already existing connections/collaboratives (i.e., Early On, etc.)?
- Pennie's email is fosterfi@msu.edu. **Please email her within the next five days if you have any ideas that were not mentioned in this meeting.**
- Target dates – plan to come to the March 22nd GSC Board meeting with updates on the two domains (Early Care and Education & Family Support and Parenting Education). The GSC Board members prefer to have the information a week in advance of the March 22nd Board meeting. The MSU evaluation team will present on the recommendations at that Board meeting.
- D. Griffin passed out a LAUNCH fact sheet that can help you when talking about LAUNCH to families and others in the community.
- Look for emails related to Project LAUNCH regarding upcoming ad hoc meeting dates, etc.
- We do need your input around services that should be included in the scan process. This can be done via list serve. Pennie will send J. Kozan the question that needs to be answered – J. Kozan will distribute this question to all GSC members.

IV. Parent Coalition Updates

10:25-10:35 (J. Armentrout)

- J. Armentrout gave an update on the Harwood Institute training that she and J. Kozan attended in January 2010. We are learning a lot as we go with regard to community conversations and looking “outward”.
- February 18th is the next evening event. Youth First has collaborated with this event. They are letting us use their Carrollton site. Jimmy Greene will be the keynote speaker. A community conversation will take place at this event.
- Outreach booths are taking place as well (Ice Blast at Dow Event Center and Head Start event).
- J. Armentrout and D. Smith will be attending the Parent Institute through the ECIC in the beginning of February.

- Will be expanding Parent Coalition meetings to become monthly rather than bi-monthly. These meetings will be held in the evening – hopefully in more rural areas of the county.

V. Faith-Based Update/Upcoming Event 10:35-10:40 (Pastor Bradley & Tom Coughlin)

- T. Coughlin gave an overview of New Life Ministries (located at Janes and 7th Street) and Mission in the City. Mission in the City was designed to help families that live within the Lapeer Street to Cherry Street and 5th to 9th street areas. Some of the great things they are providing to the community are:
 - Drug & Alcohol group going with Saginaw Futures through St. Mary's.
 - Working on a prison re-entry where they can clothe people as they get out of prisons.
 - Sports park being built this Spring.
 - Over 40 houses have been bought within this area (houses that were condemned, abandoned, etc.).
- Second plan with Mission in the City is working with other churches throughout the area to duplicate this work.
- You can visit their website at www.missioninthecity.org to find details on a lot of the great work that they are doing!
- We will link the Mission in the City website to our GSC website.
- Mission in the City and the GSC discussed the idea of holding a health fair type of event at their Fellowship Center – can accommodate almost 300 people. J. Kozan and J. Armentrout will work with T. Coughlin and R. Bradley to set up the logistics of a health fair. We are looking for our partnering agencies to get involved in this event and provide expertise, handouts, resources, etc. We are tentatively looking at March as a possibility for holding the event.

VI. Family-Friendly Business Spotlight WINNER 10:40-10:45 (J. Kozan)

- The first Saginaw County business to win the Family-Friendly Business Spotlight award is Consumers Energy. They were chosen by our GSC Board members based on their dedication to making family-friendly business practices a priority within their company. They were one of the three companies within Saginaw County to pilot the Lunch & Learn program and plan to continue offering the program to their employees.
- Winners for this award will be chosen on a bi-monthly basis. You can visit the GSC website to nominate a business.

VII. April 22nd Community Event 10:45-10:50 (J. Bash/J. Kozan)

- J. Bash gave an update on the April 22nd event. This event will be from 5-7 p.m. at Handley School. Families will have the opportunity to pick up information on early childhood at the various booths. There will also be children's activities and lots of giveaways.
- The next planning meeting is February 19th at 8:30 a.m. at Handley School.
- J. Bash also passed out the monthly calendar of events for families. This calendar is posted on the GSC website.
- E. Hatcher suggested contacting Jen Gezequel from Kids' Connection regarding car seat safety checking stations. Her number is 888-580-5437.
- Ralph Worthing (Chair of the Mid-Michigan AEYC) would be interested in getting involved in this event.

VIII. Other Items for Discussion

10:50-11:00 (All)

- The question was raised whether or not there is an RSVP program in this community? The United Way may also have ideas for people that could help us with community conversations in the non-traditional setting (i.e., booths, outreach events, etc.).
- J. Kozan will send out the Wilder Study to the GSC members.
- J. Kozan will include the GSC Accomplishments sheet on the GSC website.
- D. Griffin gave a brief update on her past work history. Welcome Debi!
- D. Smith would like to share some more information on the Trauma workshops at Mt. Olive. She will share this information with J. Kozan and she will pass along to GSC members.
- Please visit the GSC website – recently updated!
- If you are on Facebook, please become a fan of the GSC. Search Great Start Saginaw.
- Safe Kids Committee – 3rd Thursday of the month- they provide car seat checks. E. Hatcher will post more details about this information on the GSC website.
- L. Hill enjoys sitting on this Board. As a parent, she feels these meetings are enriching and leaves her feeling like great things are taking place in Saginaw County for young children!
- D. Dalton is very excited about Project LAUNCH and Saginaw Public School's involvement.
- Y. Freeman – she has families that would like to volunteer at your agencies to continue to receive DHS services (required to serve so many community hours).
- Every GSRP slot for 2009-2010 has been filled!
- Early Head Start projected date of implementation of services is March 1st (for some services, not all).
- State of Michigan submitted its Race to the Top submission last week to the feds. There are 13 communities that would be potential partners, should Michigan receive the award. The implications for early childhood, should we get the award, are pretty significant. Some possible implications include Baby College, building on our current preschool initiatives (funding of additional slots as well), and longitudinal data system from birth to graduation.
- Dr. Sharon Norman, Kathleen Gibson, Renee Johnston, Lillie Williams, R. Van Tol and J. Kozan attended a full-day event on January 22nd in Lansing called Ready Kids, Ready Schools, Ready Communities. Conversations at this event were very similar to conversations taking place here at today's meeting (community conversations, etc.)
- Subcommittees will continue – the structure of these meetings will most likely change however, so they can be more effective. J. Kozan will keep the Board apprised of these changes.
- The CAN Council Mardi Gras is being held on February 25th – Ted & Ruth Braun will be honored for their great work at this event (Child Advocate of the Year). Please contact S. Greenberg or E. Hatcher for tickets or more information – 752-7226.

IX. Adjournment/Parent Coalition Meeting immediately follows

NEXT GSC/LOCAL WELLNESS COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

MARCH 22, 2010

9-11:00 a.m.

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