



Great Start Livingston Workgroup
April 28, 2010

MINUTES

Holly Ward Lamb called the meeting to order.

1. Introductions - Introductions around the room for guests/new members.
2. Review Committee Co-Chairs & Membership
 - Holly reviewed restructuring of the individual committees and co-chairs. She also announced the addition of the ICC as an individual committee. Also noted adding a part-time Committee Support Staff person.
3. Update on Strategic Plan
 - Currently being reviewed by the Steering Committee for final approval. Approval will be completed at June's Steering Committee meeting and subsequently presented to the workgroup.
 - Gina made a motion to approve the addition of ICC to the Strategic Plan. Linda Herbert seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion approved.
4. Approval of the 6 Month Plan
 - Holly talked about the baseline performance measure progress report built right into this six month plan through the end of September.
 - By July 31st, we need to get the ECIC a demographic diversity chart of our membership.
5. Star Power Event
 - Jennifer distributed flyers of the May 19th event in Lansing. Encouraged people to attend and bring your children. Sign up on the Great Start website: www.GreatStartLivingston.org.
 - She is asking parents the question: "*What is one thing you would like to make better for your child?*" Parents will fill out their answer on a star, which will be handed to legislators in Lansing on Star Power Day.
6. Update from Parent Coalition - Jennifer Lange
 - The Parent Coalition will be interviewing 2 candidates for senator (who will be replacing termed-out Senator Garcia). The goal - whoever is elected will know who to come to ask questions for Early Childhood!
 - Representative Bill Rogers is a Great Start Facebook follower!
 - If you have any events, let Jennifer know and she can list on Facebook.
 - Joan Firestone will be presenting at Heart of the Shepherd Child Care Center, 228 N. Burkhart Road, on Friday, May 7 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. This is a no-cost event.

7. Approval of Community Needs and Resource Assessment
 - Jean distributed the CNRA details for Great Start Readiness FY 2010-2011. Competitive funding is at risk this year. LESA has applied for 146 competitive slots.
 - LESA is currently funded for 229 total slots. If all the funding is approved, LESA would have 471 slots for the 2010-2011 school-year.
 - Courtney Holst made a motion to approve the CNRA Assessment. Donna Gehringer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion approved.

8. Approval of the Great Start Readiness Competitive Application
 - Grant application for 146 at-risk 4-year olds and their families in the amount of \$496,400 from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.
 - Donna Gehringer made a motion to approve the grant. Mac Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion approved.

9. Great Start Partners
 - As a part of Great Start's effort to build public will within the community, we are requesting a copy of any materials you send out as a partner agency which contains Great Start logo. You can e-mail or cc a copy to kathleenvirden@livingstonesa.org.

10. U-M Grant Funding – Mac Miller
 - Research on mother's at low to moderate risk. Works to reduce risks to these mothers and infants. Do we want to look at bringing them to our county?
 - Mac will get information to Lindsay who will then share findings with the workgroup.

11. County-wide approach to enrolling kids - Jean Garratt
 - We need to get more connected with private childcare providers to put children where they need to be (i.e. – Head Start, GSRP, etc.)
 - Eventually, many childcare providers will start to refuse DHS children because of not getting reimbursed. Part of this problem is due to the large cases of fraud in the system.

Upcoming Events:

- **Joan Firestone** – Friday May 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Heart of the Shepherd
- **Volunteer Workshop- Donna Gehringer**: Tuesday May 11, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Livingston County United Way Office, 2980 Dorr Rd, Brighton. To register call 810-494-3000 or tdudanksy@lcunitedway.org.
- **ICC Meeting – Gina Coopersmith**: Thursday, May 13, 9 a.m.
- **Star Power Day – Jennifer Lange**: May 19 in Lansing. Register at www.GreatStartLivingston.org
- **Car Seat Check – Jean Garratt**: Date in May TBD in LESA parking lot.
- **Cap Kids Fair – Deanna Norris**: Saturday June 5 (Now part of the Pinckney Art in the Park festival). Livingston Street in Pinckney

Next workgroup meeting will be Wednesday, June 23, at 10 a.m. in the Spartan Room.

