



Montcalm County Great Start Collaborative
Minutes
10/7/15

I. Call to order:

Call to order at 11:33am by Kylie Wells

II. Welcome & Introductions:

Present:

Amy Buckingham, Sue Clements, Cassandra Davis, Doris Demorest, Karen Gostomski, John Johansen, Terry King, Christine Man-Munger, Buffy Marks, Lillie McNeil, Brandy Minikey, Jyll Mitchell, Cari O'Connor, Jennifer Peterman, Mary Peterson, Veronica Schleiker, Nancy Secor, Ron Simon, Jennifer Stratton, Kristina Syjud, Roger Thelen, Mindy Train, Kylie Wells, Matthew Bilenger, Teresa Boyer, Dennis Egan

III. Public Comment:

None

IV. Agenda Approval:

Motion to accept the agenda, was made by Roger Thelen, motion seconded by Nancy Secor. All voted in favor, none opposed.

V. Meeting Minutes Approval:

Motion to accept the minutes, was made by John Johansen, motion seconded by Ron Simon. All voted in favor, none opposed.

VI. Director Report: Cari O'Connor

CONNECTIONS: Signups for this developmental support are always needed. **There is a new enrollment form available on the back table.** Please share this information about a free parent support! We also would like to have our Dr's Offices and child care providers using this so any support you can provide is appreciated! Any contacts you can help us make with this would be wonderful!

Annual GSRP Report and Kindergarten Round up Report: These are completed and ready for community distribution. IF you need printed copies please email the amount.

KEA: Many conversations around KEA continue. The latest information supports that KEA will be mandatory next year for all school districts. No word on how to fund and implement such a large task. Currently there is not any funding supporting the MAISD coaching model that is recommended for our 2 participating districts: Lakeview and Carson City Crystal. I continue to advocate for funding to address the unfunded mandates that exist around KEA.

Early Childhood Administrator Network: I representing the MAISD at the ECAN activities. The priorities that we are working on are quality/fidelity to preschool models, Birth to Third grade alignment, quality professional development, and evidenced based practices for birth to three year old interventions. **We are providing feedback to our elected officials on the above priorities and continuing to provide language for changed legislation.**

MHSC: I have accepted the Vice Chair position with the Montcalm Human Services Coalition. This will continue to support our strong relationship with the leaders of our community.

Early Childhood Advisory Council for West Michigan: This is an exciting opportunity for Montcalm to get in the know about what is happening at the collegiate level in our field. Connections to local experts as well University resources are just a couple of the benefits that participating in this activity are making available to our School Advisory Council work. I am excited to work with Family Futures and provide our perspective to the early childhood work that is being done across the state at our university level.

YOU Think: This substance abuse prevention initiative in our community was awarded another round of funding for 5 more years of community level work. They are correctly looking for a fiduciary to house the grant and operate the financial components required. If anyone has any interest please contact me immediately. This is a Federal Grant and there are several key requirements the fiduciary would have to meet.

Part B Plan of Action State of MI: Michigan Early On was cited at the Federal level for compliance concerns. Last year I participated in developing a plan of action. This year pilot communities have been identified to help roll out the plan focusing on Social Emotional health building for all Early On families. Advocacy for more evidenced based home visiting programs continues to be the focus.

2 Grant possibilities that are coming through the GSC system: Parent University and evidenced Based Home visiting. This is based on the money that was approved via the budget. MDE is still working on how to roll out the competitive grants. We may be asking for some of you to assist with the grant writing process as we intend to apply for both! The GSC will have to approve both grants and possibly we will have to work with our Prosperity region entities. More information to come!

Reminder about principles of collaboration survey: Agenda item and written feedback. Tell us what you think!!

MCGSC Collaborative Activities & Support Recognition: Parent Coalition Speaker: Kim Brown, volunteered time to talk about Love and Logic Parenting classes and recruit for upcoming classes.

MACC: Space for PC meeting and childcare

Sponsors that helped make the Early Childhood Conference possible:

- Greenville Area Community Foundation
- Western Regional Resource Center
- Ionia Great Start Collaborative
- Chemical Bank
- Greenville Public High School
- Meijer
- Anderson and Girls Orchard
- Early On
- Oriental Trading
- Sparrow Carson Hospital
- Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Book Drive Collection Sites:

- All 9 of the Chemical Bank branches in Montcalm County
- Michigan One Community Credit Union, Greenville and Carson City
- Howard City, Lakeview and Carson City Public Libraries

Over 300 books were collected

VII. New Business:

A. Highlight Presentation: Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health, Amanda Estill-Lofts

- Screening, assessment, diagnosis, evaluation and treatment planning based upon your individual needs
- Medication assessment and prescription by licensed psychiatrists
- Psychiatric evaluation
- Psychological evaluation
- Individual, group, family and child therapy
- Behavioral Treatment Services
- Nursing Home Monitoring Services
- Specialty Health Assessment

- Physical Therapy is treatment for muscles that are not working properly due to illness or injury. Usually this treatment is ordered by your family physician but in some cases that therapy will be a part of your mental health treatment
- Occupational Therapy and Evaluation is treatment to restore or improve muscles or joints. Usually this treatment is ordered by your family physician but in some cases that therapy will be a part of your mental health treatment
- Speech, Language and Hearing Evaluation and Therapy is treatment to restore or improve voice or hearing. Usually this treatment is ordered by your family physician but in some cases that therapy will be a part of your mental health treatment
- Children's case management- promote and support children and families in gaining access to medical, social, educational, behavioral health, and parenting support needs.
- Infant, mental health services- infants/toddlers who are struggling with early needs of young children due to mental illness or a development disability.
- Family support subsidy program- provides financial support to families who care for their children with severe development disabilities at home.
- Children's home based services- help families with children in crisis who may be at risk of being placed out of the home.

B. Data Presentation: RAVE, Karen Bota

Has the only shelter for woman and children in Montcalm/Ionia County.

Sage house located in Ionia

One on one women and children canceling

October-September 2014-2015

5,602 number of nights the shelter was used/average stay 5 days

Services 1,234 calls

692 Crisis calls

391 Domestic Violence

71 Sexual Assault

226 Emergency advocacy

127 Needing a home

103 Miscellaneous

C. 2015-16 32P Work Plan and Budget

Submitted budget, budget stayed the same for the most part. Final budget will be posted on our website, as soon as we receive it back.

D. Nurturing Fathers Annual Report

US Population, 72.2% fatherless, most significant issue will be family/social problems

22 dad in Montcalm County went through the Nurturing Father Program.

E. Nominations for MCGSC Vice Chair

Sue Clements nominated herself as becoming 2015-2016 MCGSC Vice Chair

Motion to have Sue Clements become 2015-2016 MCGSC Vice chair, was made by Nancy Secor, motion seconded by Roger Thelen. All voted in favor, none opposed.

VIII. Old Business:

A. DPIL Updates: Mindy Train

Montcalm Panhandle Community Foundation provided a sponsorship of 1,000

1,177 children enrolled

244 have graduated

B. GSRP 2015-16 Updates

Was awarded 634 slots, all 7 districts have filled their slots

2 Community Based

1. EightCAP, 5 programs and there is one opening

2. St. Charles Catholic School, 1-1/2 day morning program, 7 openings

There is 17 cross funding request, so the 8 openings need to be filled by December 1, 2016.

Hair on Fire- Will be continue this 2015-16 year with Karen Baily and walking through Math/LEA standards between preschool and kindergarten teachers.

IX. Committee Reports:

A. Executive & Communication: Nancy Secor

Reviewed Strategic Plan for 2015-2018, made some changes and submitted plan back for review

Reviewed budget was submitted, waiting to hear finally overall budget

There are 3 billboards up: One in Tri County near the 131 Exit. One on M-91 going north and one on M-57 going west.

B. Parent Leadership: Brandy Minikey

September 14th Parent Coalition Meeting: This month's topic was Love and Logic Parenting Made Fun, a sneak peak with Kim Brown. She gave a brief overview of the parenting class and a short snippet of what is taught. She provided parents with resources and invited them to attend the next parenting class. Parents had the opportunity to review the draft of the 2015-18 Strategic plan and also helped plan the Harvest Party. • 24 Adults (3 Dads), 23 children attended. 2 childcare providers Many New members!

Conference: Parent member designed kid activities to go along with books as a literacy awareness activity. Supplies and book were provided to two people as door prizes. We also set up a table to provide attendees with Sandbox party information to bring attention to the importance of voting to support young children in Michigan.

Newsletter Our monthly newsletter is going out to over 1,370 email addresses! We will be highlighting topics that follow the 6 protective factors each month. Raising your Kin was the September topic and Teen Parents.... You are not alone is the October topic.

Sponsors:

- See Directors Report

Upcoming Parent Coalition Activities:

October 12th Parent Coalition Meeting: Stephanie Knight will come and share resources from the PATH Program, Nicole Vink Will Share about Girl Scouts and Lillie McNeil will share Great Start To Quality Resources.

November 9th Parent Coalition Meeting: Essential Oil Basics with Lynn James, Doterra Consultant and PC Member

C. Early Care & Education: Mindy Train

Just finished up our 2015 Early Childhood Conference, that was on September 19th at the Greenville High School.

Keynote speaker was Candy Straubel-Sower, attendees thought that she was very interesting and that the information she spoke on could be useful.

Overall the conference was rated a 4.95 out of 5, everyone enjoyed the conference, they felt it was very helpful; and for the price it was very reasonable, they look forward to next year's conference.

168 Attendees

17 Speakers, 22 Workshops

15 Vendors

15 Volunteers/Staff

13 Counties participated in this year conference.

Sponsors- See directors report.

D. Family Wellness: Terry King

Dental care, obesity prevention and social emotional supports such as breastfeeding continue to be a focus for this committee.

Ounce of Prevention:

- We have created an Ounce of Prevention Website where visitors can download any of the documents to use in their homes, workplaces or volunteer activities. We can track the traffic on this site so that we know how many we are reaching. So far in the second half of our FY (July-September) we had 15 page views on our Ounce of Prevention Site. October so far 9!
- Information was recently mailed to physicians' offices highlighting the Ounce of Prevention information and the Connections program.

Connections Update:

Kelsey from Family Futures will be coming today to give us our semi-annual Connections review. There is a new enrollment form please take a few and begin using the new format!

Events:

- Breastfeeding Recognition awards were presented to Spectrum United Lifestyles, EightCAP and Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health. These organizations were all nominated by employees that have breastfeed themselves at work or helped with employee/consumer programs.
- Resource Guides were recently updated by Parent Board Members and we are currently working on making more. When your supply of the old version runs out please contact us for more!

Upcoming:

- Committee will begin work on finding out what types of depression screenings are used and resources for post-partum and expecting mothers that are experiencing depression.

E. LICC: Sue Clements

- Current numbers as of October: 16 children in referral, 73 children who received Early On services only, 46 children who receive special education services.
- Had a booth at the Planting the Seeds for the Conference on September 19th and Tammy Youmans our speech and language pathologist was a speaker.
- One of our parents attended a two day parent leadership training in Ludington t, she will also supervise, The Little People Land program as well as the MAISD programs housed in Greenville Public Schools.
- 2 playgroups are being offered at the Seiter Center in Greenville, on Friday's. The first one is at 9:00am and the second one is at 12:30pm. As well, as offering infant classes from 10:45-11:45am.
- Early On grant, we have submitted, with adjustments and changes made.

X. Roundtable Updates:

Nancy Secor- There is a nice research study with Wayne State and Michigan State University, regarding infant and toddlers.

Brandy Minikey- Parent Coalition tonight, 10/7. Join us for our Harvest Party on 10/30 at the Montcalm County Fair Grounds.

Amanda Estill-Lofts- Will be hosting a mental health first aid training to become certified.

Roger Thelen- Campaign Season, visit our website to donate. <http://www.liveunitedm-i.org/>

Jennifer Peterman- Greenville has opened a walk in clinic, located at 1202 W Oak St, Suite 200, in Greenville. Hours: Monday to Friday, from 7am – 9pm and Saturday from 8am – 2pm

Veronica Schleiker- Stated that the preschool application was an easy process to sign up

Kristina Syjud- In need of foster parents

Ron Simon- Thank you for what you do with children each day.

Lillie McNeil- New WRRRC contact for Montcalm County, will be helping providers in Montcalm County

XI. Principles of Collaboration and Feedback:**What else do you want to know about Montcalm Care Network?**

- Noting at this time, but a wow what a lot of services they offer
- If we could get more brochures, good info
- Services and supports, related to substance abuse and uses
- Resources that childcare providers can supply to parents or materials that can be printed to be distributed or posted.
- Wondering if there is a new website change?

Any additional resources you would like to have regarding RAVE?

- Is there a safe house in Greenville?
- Resources that childcare providers can supply to parents or materials that can be printed to be distributed or posted.
- Needs related to violence prevention
- Good info

Thoughts on the MCGSC Meeting today?

- Good meeting organized and smooth running
- Nice, thank you!
- Positive, informative

- Nice to see the faces of members of the community who are working together striving for the same cause

Any other comments:

- Really enjoyed the father presentation
- I look forward to continuing as a community member
- MCGS staff sure are active

XII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 1:37pm, was made by Kylie Wells, motion seconded by Brandy Minikey. All voted in favor, none opposed.

Next Meeting Date: December 2nd, 2015 11:30 am – 1:30 pm MAISD Building in Stanton

**Please see our website for the most updated calendar information at: www.GreatStartMontcalm.org.