



Minutes

September 17, 2007

Members Present: Larry Arreguin, (Governor's Southeast MI Office), Dr. Dahan Alnajjar, (ACCESS), Julie Boggs (Office of the Prosecuting Attorney), Sheri Ann P. Campbell (Parent Representative), Shenetta Coleman (City of Detroit, Dept. of Human Services), John Colina (Colina Foundation), Cheryl Frost (Children's Outreach), Elizabeth Grace (Schoolcraft College), Toni Hartke (Detroit Public Schools), Susan Hooks Brown (Southwest Solutions), Carol Matthews (Parent Representative), Kristen McDonald (The Skillman Foundation), Cecelia Mobley (Wayne County Head Start), Lena Montgomery (Wayne RESA), Mary Mueller (Children's Hospital), Karen Murphy (YWCA of Western Wayne County), Shannon Perry (Detroit Parent Network), Carole Quarterman (4C), Ramana Roberson (Parent Representative), Marilyn Schmitt (Wayne County Infant and Toddler Interagency Coordinating Council), Katie Silverman (U of M Dearborn), Deborah Swasey (Wayne County Dept of Human Services), Rashida Tlaib (Rep. Tobocman's office), Barbara Trippe (The Guidance Center), Anne Marie Valdez (Child's Hope) Pastor Jerome Warfield (Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church), Brian Whitsett, (Parent Representative), Christopher Wigent (Wayne RESA), Barbara Wilson (Parent Representative), John Van Camp (Southwest Solutions),

Members Absent: Cynthia Barnes (Parent Representative), Loretta Davis (Wayne County Health Dept.), Fred Eaton (Comcast), Annemarie Harris, (United Way), Andrea Hawkins (Parent Representative), Representative Hopgood (State Rep), Rosetta Howard (Parent Representative), Jennifer Lepard (Wayne Metro), Vida McCoy (Parent Representative) Nasirah Mitchell (Parent Representative), , Mayor Jack O'Reilly, Denise Osgood (UAW), Loren Parker (Parent Representative), Reverend Terry Robinson (Here's Life Detroit), Veronica Rosa (Parent Rep), Dr.Carolynn Rowland (Detroit Dept. Health and Wellness), Sarah Smith (Parent Representative) Kathie Tuggle (Angel Wings Family Child Care)

Staff Present: Pat Sargent, Caryn Pack Ivey, Deborah Strong, Elaine Koons, Amanda Johnson and Linda Stanko

Guests: Cherie Ross-Barber, (ECIC), Colin Newlin (Braintree)

Call to Order: John Colina, Chair called the meeting to order.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes: the minutes were approved as presented.

Introductions: Pastor Jerome Warfield, Faith Representative and Sheri Ann Campbell, Parent Representative from Grosse Pointe were welcomed as new members of the Collaborative.

ECIC/Wayne RESA Inter-local Agreement and local appointment to ECIC Board: Chris Wigent, Superintendent for Wayne RESA discussed the agreement that RESA is entering into with the ECIC on behalf of the GSC-W. The ECIC has a 15 member Executive Committee that has provided its day-to-day governance. It is now establishing its larger Corporate Board. Each ISD that signs the agreement has the opportunity to appoint one person to that board. For each person appointed by the ISD, Governor Granholm will appoint two people. Chris's recommendation was to appoint a Parent Representative from GSC-W but felt the collaborative as a body should decide. It was moved by Carole Quarterman and seconded by Cecelia Mobley that GSC-W nominate a parent to serve as the Wayne County appointee with a second parent as an alternate. The motion was approved. The parents will be requested by email to respond if they are interested by Wednesday, September 19th at 5 p.m. The Executive Committee will review the applicants and appoint one parent to serve on the ECIC Board and one person to serve as an alternate in board member can not attend a meeting.

ECIC Update: Cheri Ross-Barber shared the information concerning the Cosmic Collaboration, an event to take place on October 11 at Cranbrook. GSC-W will receive eight invitations for attending. Michigan received a \$10,000 grant from the National Governors Association to host a Governor's Summit on Early Childhood. This will take place in November. A Great Start Collaborative Mini-Conference on Governance will take place on Oct. 26th. and involve Great Starts Oakland, St. Clair, Monroe and Wayne. Again a limited number of collaborative members will be able to attend.

Planning Continuation Funding and Workplan: Pat did an overview on the handout for the budget and work plan that was approved by the Executive Committee and submitted to the ECIC. This budget reflects the ongoing costs for the planning continuation period of 10/1/07 through 1/31/08. During this time we will complete the three year strategic plan and formulate the Early Childhood Action Agenda for 2/1 through 9/30/08. We will receive additional ECIC funding for the continued building and sustaining of the infrastructure as indicated in the handout.

Committee Reports:

➤ **Data Collection and Evaluation:** Carole Quarterman gave a brief update on the data committee. All of the inserts (Detroit, Western Wayne, Eastern Wayne and Downriver) for the Community Report are done. The Community Conversations have been scheduled for October 22-25th in all of the four regions. Kurt Metzger and Pat will do the presentation at each of these. Deb Strong talked about the focus groups she helped Colin Newlin to orchestrate in 16 different areas.

Strategic Review Update

Colin Newlin gave an update on the Strategic Review. In all of his focus groups and interviews he had a summary of types of needs that were expressed in his Organizational Perspectives Summary handout. They now have 202 organizations in the data base and have conducted over 90 interviews. He expects to have over 100 interviews completed by September 28th. In his explanation of next steps there will be a verification process. Information will be given back to the sources to be verified before it is made public. The goal is to build on what exists and build relationships.

➤ **Communications and Marketing (Pat) the** Committee met last week. They are working on site arrangements and invitations for the Community Conversations. The ECIC will be

sending a Communications Plan template soon that is being developed through their new contract with Marx Layne. The Committee will build the GSC-W communications plan based on the 2008 GSC-W Early Childhood Action Agenda and present it to the collaborative.

➤ **Business Engagement and Development**-has not met since the last meeting.

GSC-W Parents-Caryn gave an update on the success of the Early Childhood Breakfast of Champions that took place on September 11 at the Doubletree Hotel in Detroit. There were many parent groups represented with 40 people plus staff in attendance and everyone was very excited about a Parent Coalition to speak as one voice for children. In the evaluation process all attendees said yes to a parent coalition except for one maybe. Cherie Ross-Barber had attended and said it was a wonderful event and a great turn out. GSC-W is looking into creating a list serve for the parents. There will also be a page on the website for the Parent Coalition in the future.

Legislative Update- Rashida Tlaib, Representative Tobocman's designee, explained that the FY08 Budget still needs to be passed and gave an update from the work over the weekend. Larry Arreguin from the Governors office also talked about the critical need for all members to contact their Representatives and Senator's to voice their opinion on solving the budget issues, no matter what that opinion might be.

Member Announcements- Cecelia-Western Wayne County Family Medical Clinic will partner with Head Start and have a portable dental clinic. Anne Marie Valdez passed out information on the "Save Our Children" Summit Child's Hope will have on November 30 at the University of Michigan Dearborn.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Next meeting
Monday, November 19, 2007
U of M Dearborn, Fairland Center South
19000 Hubbard Dr., across from A & W
Breakfast 8:30, Meeting 9:00
Come in the main door of the building off of Hubbard Dr.
Park in the lot adjacent to the main door

