



Executive Committee Minutes

April 3, 2007

Members Present: John Colina, Lena Montgomery, Susan Hooks Brown, Loren Parker and Marie Colombo (by phone)

Staff Present: Pat Sargent, Deb Strong, Caryn Pack Ivy and Linda Stanko

- Budget revision/Braintree Solutions: Pat did a brief overview of the budget revisions that were needed to proceed with contracting Braintree Solutions. The Kresge funding needed will not be approved until June so with the budget revisions the consultant, Colin Newlin, will be able to begin working with an advisory group and the community organizers to collect data on programs, resources and community assets using local data bases, focus groups and interviews to gather information. He will work to build local capacity to update and maintain data, geo-mapping systems infrastructure and policy review. There was discussion on how much was needed to contract Braintree and the full amount needed in \$180,000. RESA's board will not be able to approve the spending of the \$108,789 that is budgeted to begin the work until their May board meeting. The committee would like Colin to begin as soon as possible. Pat is going to try to set it up for him to be here for the April 23rd Press Conference with the kick off for parts 2 and 3 to follow the Community Report meeting. **John Colina made a motion to the Executive Committee to except the budget revisions and to move forward with contracting Braintree Solutions to begin the infrastructure work. Lena Montgomery supported the motion and it was agreed to by all attending.**
- Press Conference 4/23/07 update-The Marketing Committee met at the Centennial library to make the final plans for the Press Conference that will be held there on April 23rd. Continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., meeting in the auditorium at 9. We have heard from the Governors office but don't know if she will be there or if someone filling in for her. Mayor Kilpatrick can not be there but his staff said he would be willing to work with us at a later date. Mia is in contact with Ficano's office and we are waiting to hear from Mayor O'Reilly. The presentation, a power point will be given by Marie Colombo, Carole Quarterman and Kurt Metzger. Larry Arreguin suggested John, Pat and Marie do Editorial Boards at the large newspapers. Veronica Rosa will be the parent representative speaking at the conference. The Guidance Center has offered literacy bags for the children's literacy project that will be going on at 8:30 up in the children's section of the library. Susan said she is looking for a bus to transport the children and their parents. Pat will call Mia about using one from their Head Start. She will also call Cherie about a quote from the Governor for the event.
- Judy and Joan Tour- Judy Samelson and Joan Blough will be meeting with the collaborative coordinators and ISD person across the state. Pat will be hosting one session here.
- New business-Lena discussed Reach Out and Read-a project where 231 pediatricians have volunteered to put literacy information into their waiting rooms. Wayne County Health, Children's Hospital and Henry Ford Hospital are currently involved in the project and the United Way has offered \$10,000 to support the project with Henry Ford. Pat agreed to invite Michelle

Strauss to the next collaborative to talk about the project. Lena also said that RESA is partnering with 4C's to expand on their directory and would like to add the collaborative's input.

- Parent Group-Caryn Pack Ivey did a brief account of the meeting of the Parent Group. She said they are currently recruiting for more parents to reach the goal of 20 for the collaborative. They are also pooling their resources of parent groups in the county. Each of the parents committed to a committee. Loren Parker and Andrea Hawkins will be the new addition to the Executive Committee, Nasirah Mitchell and Anike' Amoje' are now on the Data Collection, Loren Parker and Carol Matthews have joined the Marketing and Communications committee and Brian Whitsett will be on the Advisory committee to work with Braintree.
- Reschedule May meeting-

**Next Meeting: May 15 th, Tuesday, 9 a.m.
Colina Foundation**