



Executive Committee Minutes

July 2, 2007

Members Present: John Colina, Lena Montgomery, Lauren Parker, John Van Camp, Andrea Hawkins, and Marie Colombo (by phone)

Members Absent: Susan Hooks Brown

Committee Chairs Present: Ed D'Angelo, Co-Chair Business Engagement Committee

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

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by John Colina.
- Pat announced the hiring of the two new Early Childhood Community Liaisons-Elaine Koons for the Out-Wayne County position and Amanda Johnson for the City of Detroit to begin with the Skillman Good Neighborhood Initiative areas. Pat briefed everyone on their qualifications. They will begin work on July 18th, after the RESA Board approval on July 17th.
- Great Start Collaborative-Wayne was awarded a grant of \$250,000. from the Kresge Foundation. The grant begins July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. \$65,980.00 will be for Braintree to finish up their work. \$15,000 goes toward strategic planning. \$125,000 would go to building and sustaining of the data system. The ECIC grant will be considered at the Sept. meeting of the Kresge board. Our funding may be announced at \$320,000 for 07/08 but could change based on the pending Kresge grant to ECIC. The committee asked for an chart of the funding streams, such as the one Pat did previously to be attached to the minutes.
- It was suggested that the Executive Committee do a one day retreat to begin a Strategic Thinking process. The focus would be on where the Collaborative is going to be in two to three years and what is needed to get there. There was also discussion of a facilitator for the retreat. John Van Camp and John Colina recommended Dennis Blender. Pat will get in touch with him. Pat asked to plan the meeting be sometime in August as the results could impact the 07/08 ECIC budget. The dates of August 6, August 20th, and August 21st were discussed. There will be an email poll of the Executive Committee, the Co-chairs of the other standing committees and the full staff.
- Ed D'Angelo gave a brief overview on the committee formerly know as "Finance". They are evolving into a Business Engagement and Development Committee.
- Prior to Marie coming on by phone, Deb talked about the Data Committee's progress. The four inserts for the four regions have been designed at RESA and the committee will receive them by email to proof prior to the July 10th Data meeting. They will approve the finished product. Their concern is now getting it out into the county and getting feedback. They hope to combine with the Strategic Review and get the focus groups to serve a dual purpose. Colin can get what he needs and the Data Committee can get the feedback required. Marie joined in by phone and talked about the Collaborative's responsibility to help Colin with information that he needs. Colin has collected information on 100 programs and his goal is to have interviewed either by phone or in person at least 200 by September 30, 2007. He was in town for three days and did a number of interviews that were set up by Deborah/Linda. Deb talked about getting input from parents involved in deciding what kind of focus groups of parents need to be included. The GSC-W parent representatives would be a first parent focus group. Ed suggested the Head Start Policy

Committee. John Van Camp suggested Vistas Nuevas Head Start. Pat suggested the two major policy councils, Wayne County and Detroit for widest geographic representation. Twelve focus groups will be done and prioritizing them with the next couple of days is crucial. There are many suggestions for types of focus groups.

- Caryn reported on the parent group meeting on June 26th which is now being held courtesy of U of M Dearborn in the Education Building. The group has requested training provided by the ECIC on August 14th “Creating a Coalition”. Also they are working on an event breakfast tentatively called Breakfast of Champions to begin to build a coalition of parent coalitions throughout Wayne County. They could become a powerful voice for Wayne County children. Caryn asked the committee for help in locating parent groups.
- There was much discussion on RESA’s proposal to subcontract with Everybody Ready, a 501c3, to manage the day to day expenses of the GSC-W. John explained that to do this he would need approval from Everybody Ready Board, Skillman, Kresge and the ECIC. RESA would like for it to happen by September 30th. John, Lena and Pat are working on details of how it would work.
- Pat went over some of the agenda items for the July 16th meeting of the Collaborative. She is updating the Operational Guidelines for the meeting. Dr.Carolynn Rowland will be making a presentation on the Children’s Defense Fund’s Healthy Child Campaign. Annemarie Valdez will make a couple of presentations, one on Jump Start and one on the Children’s Summit on Foster Care that Child’s Hope is sponsoring on November 30th. Both could involve the collaborative partners.
- Deborah recommended that we add Detroit Public Library Director, Margaret Bruni, to the Collaborative. The Detroit Library houses the data referral system TIP that is the platform for the 211 information system that United Way is using. It costs \$10,000 per year to use be a subscriber to this system and Ms. Bruni is giving us a guest password for 6 months. Everyone agreed to invite the Detroit Library to the collaborative body.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 6, 9 a.m.

*The meetings are the first Monday
of each month at
the Colina Foundation*