



Great Start Collaborative-Wayne
Executive Committee Minutes
September 10, 2007

Members Present: Lena Montgomery, Kristen McDonald, Susan Hooks Brown, Marie Colombo, John Van Camp, Christopher Wigent, Andrea Hawkins.

Absent: Loren Parker, John Colina

Committee Chairs Present: Fred Eaton

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

Call to order: Lena Montgomery chaired in John Colina's absence and called the meeting to order. She welcomed Kristen McDonald from The Skillman Foundation and Christopher Wigent, Superintendent of Wayne RESA, both of whom are new to the Executive Committee.

ECIC Draft Budget-Planning Continuation Phase-Pat explained the four month continuation of the ECIC budget for those who haven't met implementation. The increase will happen in February when we move into implementation. She also gave an overview of the rest of the budget with all of the different funding sources. John Van Camp made a motion to approve the budget for submission to the ECIC. It was seconded by Marie Colombo and approved. Pat Sargent will prepare the budget for RESA signatures.

Everybody Ready will be contracted by RESA to manage the day to day finances beginning October 1, 2007. RESA will only keep the amount to contract directly with TGC for Pat's time. Bovitz and Co. will be managing the monies for Everybody Ready for \$200 per month. The firm will write checks and prep all reports. The CPA's time is donated; the payment is for the staff. Pat Sargent will formally resign from the Everybody Ready Board due to conflict of interest. The Chair, John Colina will be the signer on the checks. The Everybody Ready board will establish a Finance Committee which will meet monthly to review finances and monitor contract compliance.

Committee Reports:

- **Data Collection and Evaluation:** The four regional inserts for the Community Report are finished and a series of Community Conversations are being planned for October 22 through October 25th. The entire data assessment will be on the website in the future. The member's page is now accessible to everyone on the website.
- **Business Engagement:** Pat reported that this committee has been idle but will be meeting in Oct. Deborah suggested a date and time for meetings be set that is conducive to business people.

- **Marketing and Communication Committee:** Mia Rye is back and the Marketing Committee is working with the data committee on the upcoming Community Conversations. The ECIC has contracted with Marx Layne Marketing and Public relations. They will be providing a template for a Communications Plan that will be done by the Marketing and Communications committee.

Parent Representative Group-The parent group is sponsoring a Breakfast for parent groups throughout Wayne County to invite them to come together to become one large voice for young children. It will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Detroit and there have been 35 RSVPs.

ECIC Update: Cosmic Collaboration in October 11th at Cranbrook. It is a celebration of the successes of the Great Start Collaborative's to date. There will be limited attendance for all of the collaborative's so each body will get several invitations. There will be a Great Start Collaborative mini conference on October 25. The Governor will be attending the Early Childhood Challenge on November 13th.

ECIC Board Expansion: The ECIC has invited each ISD in a collaborative community to sign an inter-local agreement with them. Once signed by the IDS Superintendent, it allows the appointment of one representative to the ECIC Board. The RESA Board has approved signing and Chris has asked the collaborative to help designate the representative. His recommendation is that our representative comes from the group of parent representatives of GSC-W. The Executive Committee put the appointment on the Sept 17th GSC-W agenda.

Next Meeting of the Executive Committee
October 1st, 2007
9 am - 10:30