



Minutes March 19, 2007

Members Present: Larry Arreguin, (Governor's Southeast MI Office), Anike' Amoje', (Parent Representative), Dr. Dahan Alnajjar, (ACCESS), Julie Boggs (Office of the Prosecuting Attorney), John Colina (Colina Foundation), Marie Colombo (Skillman Foundation), Candi De Jesus (Parent Rep), Fred Eaton (Comcast), Elizabeth Grace (Schoolcraft College), Andrea Hawkins (Parent Representative), Susan Hooks Brown (Southwest Solutions), Hugh Madden (Rep. Hopgood's staff), Carol Matthews (Parent Representative), Nasirah Mitchell (Parent Representative), Lena Montgomery (Wayne RESA), Mary Mueller (Children's Hospital of Michigan), Karen Murphy (YWCA of Western Wayne County), Denise Osgood (UAW), Loren Parker (Parent Representative), Carole Quarterman (4C), Dr. Carolynn Rowland (Detroit Dept. Health and Wellness), Katie Silverman (U of M Dearborn), Sally Stinson (The Guidance Center), Deborah Swasey (Wayne County Dept of Human Services), , Barbara Tripp (The Guidance Center), John Van Camp (Southwest Solutions), Anne Marie Valdez (Child's Hope) Brian Whitsett (Parent Representative) and **Guests:** Mia Rye, (Wayne Metro), Cherie Ross-Barber, (ECIC)

Members Absent: (no designee present) Deborah Bodrick (Detroit Public Schools), Shenetta Coleman (City of Detroit, Dept. of Human Services), Reverend Geoffrey Drutchas (St. Paul's United Church of Christ), Cheryl Frost (Children's Outreach) Perry Jones (Wayne Metro), Dr. Anahid Kulwicki, (Wayne County Health Dept.), Cecelia Mobley (Wayne County Head Start), Mayor Jack O'Reilly, Veronica Rosa (Parent Rep), Marilyn Schmitt (Wayne County Infant and Toddler Interagency Coordinating Council), Steve Tobocman (State Rep), Kathie Tuggle (Angel Wings Family Child Care),

Staff Present: Pat Sargent, Linda Stanko, Caryn Pack Ivey and Deborah Strong

- **Introductions:** Chair John Colina called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m., introductions were made.
- **Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented
- **Minutes:** The minutes were approved as presented.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Data Collection and Evaluation** Marie Colombo did a walk through of the Community Report, *How are the Children*. There was much discussion on the presentation of the report. Some suggestions included changing some of the pictures to depict some of the challenges, bolding key findings so as not to minimize the challenges, have the quotes more sobering, to name a few. Pat requested that everyone who had feedback please look over and get them to her via email by Wednesday afternoon. It was agreed that the staff would email 3 questions, 1. Was it written for a broad audience? 2. Does it give a broad picture of Wayne County children? 3. What groups should it be presented to? A fourth question was added, how many would each collaborative member need? Marie talked about steps 2 and 3 and moving forward with Braintree Consulting doing the work. A local advisory board will be chosen to work with Braintree for the content.

- **Marketing and Communications**-Mia Rye updated everyone on the upcoming Press Conference “How Are the Children?”. This will be the release of the report highlighting the data on the indicators of child well-being. There was much discussion on the line up and the speakers. The event is planned for Monday, April 23 at 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. It will be at the Dearborn Centennial Library located at 16301 Michigan Ave. It will be in the auditorium and that will hold 200 people. We have the invitations printed and they will be going out. The audience we are trying to reach will be media, GSC-W members, school superintendents, elected officials, the faith-based community, parents, Chambers of Commerce, human service agencies etc. There will also be email blasts getting out the invitation. The Communication and Marketing Committee extended an invitation to the Collaborative to attend the next meeting on March 26th at noon in the Centennial Library on Michigan Ave. in Dearborn.
- **Executive Committee**-John Colina talked about the operating guidelines and the need for an annual review. There is a need to develop a procedure for elections. A committee made up of volunteers from the collaborative will review the current guidelines. John believes it can be done by email and conference calls. A grant application was submitted to the Skillman Foundation that would provide us with a second Community Organizer who would work primarily in the city. The executive committee approved a recommendation from the Data Collection and Evaluation Committee to contract with Braintree Consulting on the Strategic and Infrastructure Reviews.
- **ECIC update**-Cherie gave a brief update about the blueprint for Great Start they are creating.
- **Staff Update**
 - **Parent Liaison** -Caryn provided an update on the parent group. They have met and will be meeting again next week. She is currently recruiting to meet the goal of 20 parents on the Collaborative body.
 - **Pat** drafted a budget revision that went to the Executive Committee and projected spending for the balance of the year. This was done at the request of the ECIC, which had determined that all collaboratives were looking like they would be under spent. Coordinators were instructed to take a hard look at where they could spend their money for appropriate activities and make necessary revisions. The budget was revised to fund the first five months of the Braintree work and the revision will be submitted this week.
- **Member announcements**-Carole Quarterman announced that Dr.Carolynn Rowland’s agency, Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion received an award for raising the immunization statistics to a higher level. Carolynn attributed it to the MICR system that had been developed to track the immunizations records.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

<p><u>Next meeting</u> May 21, 2007</p>
