



Minutes

November 19, 2007

Members Present: Dr. Dahan Alnajjar, (ACCESS), Cynthia Barnes (Parent Representative), Julie Boggs (Office of the Prosecuting Attorney), Sheri Ann P. Campbell (Parent Representative), John Colina (Colina Foundation), Mia Cupp (Wayne Metro), Fred Eaton (Comcast), Cheryl Frost (Children's Outreach), Ann Funchess (Spaulding for Children), Runae Ford (Parent Representative), Elizabeth Grace (Schoolcraft College), Annemarie Harris (United Way), Andrea Hawkins (Parent Representative), Susan Hooks Brown (Southwest Solutions), Hoon Yung Hopgood (State Representative), Rosetta Howard (Parent Representative), Carol Matthews (Parent Representative), Nasirah Mitchell (Parent Representative), Cecelia Mobley (Wayne County Head Start), Lena Montgomery (Wayne RESA), Mary Mueller (Children's Hospital), Michael Napper (Parent Representative), Tavia Parker (Detroit Dept. of Human Services), Carole Quarterman (4C), Ramana Roberson (Parent Representative), Veronica Rosa (Parent Representative), Sarah Smith (Parent Representative), Dr.Carolynn Rowland (Detroit Dept. of Health and Wellness Promotion), Marilyn Schmitt (Wayne County Infant and Toddler Interagency Coordinating Council), Katie Silverman (U of M Dearborn), Sally Stinson (The Guidance Center), Deborah Swasey (Wayne County Dept of Human Services), Rashida Tlaib (Rep. Tobocman's office), Anne Marie Valdez (Child's Hope), Casondria Walker (Detroit Parent Network), Christopher Wigent (Wayne RESA), Brian Whitsett, (Parent Representative), Barbara Wilson (Parent Representative)

Members Absent: Loretta Davis (Wayne County Health Dept.), Kristen McDonald (The Skillman Foundation), Karen Murphy (YWCA of Western Wayne County), Denise Osgood (UAW), Kathie Tuggle (Angel Wings Family Child Care), Pastor Jerome Warfield, (Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church), Suzanne Figurski (Jefferson Elementary School), John Van Camp, (Southwest Solutions), Deborah Bodrick (Detroit Public Schools), Veda Sharp (Community Mental Health)

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

Guests: Cherie Ross-Barber, (ECIC), Colin Newlin (Braintree), Kristen Shappee (Child's Hope), Kathleen Grandy (Child's Hope)

Call to Order: John Colina, Chair called the meeting to order. There was a formal welcome by Paul Zions, Dean of the School of Education, University of Michigan, Dearborn

Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

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Introductions: New members attending were Ann Funchess from Spaulding for Children and Runae Ford and Sarah Smith, parent representatives.

Operational Guidelines: A motion was made by Chris Wigent to approve the amended operational guidelines as presented. It was seconded by Julie Boggs. The motion was approved.

Election of Officers: A slate of officers was presented. It consisted of one nominee each for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer (two year terms) and a Vice Chair for a one year term. The nominations were Andrea Hawkins for Secretary, Barbara Wilson for Treasurer and Chris Wigent for Vice Chair. A motion was made by Fred Eaton and seconded by Carol Matthews to elect the slate as presented by acclamation. The motion was approved.

Working Toward Strategic Goals: Colin Newlin gave an overview of what Braintree has accomplished so far including 18 focus groups and 117 interviews. There will be a presentation on December 7th at the U of M Dearborn to discuss the mapping results. Colin described the work to date toward the strategic plan. Workgroups were formed surrounding the five content areas of our work and include Basic Needs/Economic Security/Child Safety, Early Care and Education, Parent Support and Education, Physical Health and Social/Emotional Health. Co-Chairs (at least one of whom is a collaborative member) have been selected, all of those who sign up over the summer to be involved were invited to take part and others with expertise in an area were asked to participate.(workgroups roster was passed out) and they began their work in October. Colin encouraged people who were interested to participate. All groups met on Oct. 15th and 16th and are meeting on Nov. 19th and 20th and Dec. 17th and 18th. Workgroups prioritized 2 areas of concentration for the Nov. and Dec. meetings. Chris Wigent emphasized working on doable goals. There will be a large summit in March to introduce the 2008 Early Childhood Action Agenda to the community. Pat informed the group that anyone who could not be a part of the workgroup but wanted to keep up with the work could find the minutes on the GSC-w website at www.gratstatcollaborativewayne.org. Drafts of the plan as it comes together will be shared with the collaborative members for comments/suggestions. The Executive Committee will meet to consider it approval on Jan. 7th, 2008 and it will come to the collaborative on January 14th for final approval of submission to the ECIC on the 15th.

ECIC Update: Cherie Ross-Barber, TA Consultant from the ECIC was present to give the update. On November 27 and 28 the ECIC will be having Technical Assistance for the Coordinators. Some of the challenges the coordinators are facing will be discussed at that time. They will hear about the results of the work the Finance Project has done with the ECIC and receive a template for doing local work on determining the early childhood financing coming into the collaborative's area. They will also receive the Communication Template and discuss the proposed change to the GSC logo. There will be an ECIC Open House on December 12th 4-7 and everyone is invited.

211 Presentation Annemarie Harris talked about the 211, the county-wide resource number that operates out of United Way. There were flyers to share to urge all GSC-W members to widely share the 211 system with those they serve who are in need of referrals or looking for resources.

Committee Reports:

- **Data Collection and Evaluation:** Carole Quarterman gave a brief overview of the data committee's current work. The Community Conversations surrounding the data were completed in October. There was discussion concerning the centralized point for all data. There is an interest in the tracking system that Detroit Public Schools has created. Colin said that TIP, the library controlled data base was very helpful with his mapping process. Colin presented the GSC-W work to the Detroit Data Partnership recently and the collaborative was asked to become a member of the DDP.
- **Communications and Marketing** Mia Cupp gave an overview of the plans of the Marketing committee. As of the last meeting there were only three people left on the committee due to job changes and everyone's busy schedules. Mia made a plea for people to volunteer or if they knew of some media people we might want to attract, to make contact for her. The committee has decided to move forward with creating a presentation board (just waiting for final decision on the logo) and a power point presentation. The committee will create and MOU (memo of understanding) packet, that would include a commitment form, certificate of membership, ways for them to build GSC-W into their organization, etc. She also talked about getting a media champion, meetings with legislators and presentations at school board meetings, PTO's, etc. The Marketing meetings will be on the **second Thursday of each month at Wayne Metro in Wyandotte.**
- **Business Engagement and Development**-hasn't met.
- **Executive Committee**-John reported that the last meeting and the next are devoted to strategic planning in the area of the collaboratives's infrastructure.

GSC-W Parents-There are now 13 parents on the collaborative and 12 were in attendance. Two new parents represent Highland Park and VanBuren Township. Caryn talked about developing a steering committee for the Parent Coalition. She will be recruiting members for that committee.

Legislative Update- Hoon Yung Hopgood spoke on the budget problems that are not completely resolved. He is creating a one page report to explain the budget issues and will get it to us within the next two to three weeks. He said some funding has been sustained if not improved in Early Childhood.

Member Announcements- Anne Marie Valdez passed out information on the "Save Our Children" Summit Child's Hope will host on November 30th. at the University of Michigan Dearborn. Cecelia Mobley reported on a Healthy Marriage/Healthy Relationships grant that Wayne County Head Start received. Some members of the collaborative may want to be involved and information will come out soon around opportunities to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Next meeting
Monday, January 14th, 2008
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

We will be approving the Strategic Plan and

2008 Early Childhood Action Agenda

