

**Great Start Collaborative  
Executive Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, August 9, 2007  
9:00am-11:00am**

**Location: Middle Conference Room, One Jackson Square, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Present:**

- Gloria Smith, *Jackson County Intermediate School District*
- Sheri Butters, *Parent*
- Bethany Timmons, *United Way*
- Mary Cunningham-Deluca, *Community Action Agency*
- Annette Anulewicz, *Parent*
- Kathy Hoszkiw, *Child Care Provider, ABC Academy*
- Kelley Kuhn, *Community Member*
- Mary Belknap, *K-16 Community Representative, Jackson Community College*
- Jessica Murray, *Guest*
- Tanda Reynolds, *Department of Human Services*
- Jan Maino, *Jackson Community Foundation*
- Jenny Wren, *Foote Hospital*
- Jean Lee, *Early On*

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Introductions**

Mary Cunningham DeLuca welcomed everyone

**2. Parent Coalition Report**

3. Sheri Butters, Great Start Assistant, reported that the coalition and GSC were represented at the Learning Fair (SAU) July 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. July 31<sup>st</sup> the coalition hosted a Pool Party at Nixon Pool for coalition members, executive committee parents and their families. Recruited 11 new parents. 65 total people in attendance.

August 16<sup>th</sup> the coalition is hosting a meet and greet with local, state, and federal elected officials. Dinner provided, very informal time to get to know legislators and what is going on in their offices. Also familiarize them with Great Start and our coalition. So far RSVP's include Rep. Tim Walberg, Rep. Mike Simpson, Sen. Mark Schauer, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, and possibly Rep. Martin Griffin. In most cases staff people have been assigned to attend. Michigan's Children will be facilitating the conversation as well as preparing us for the discussion.

Parent Surveys continue to be collected. Results from the parent and provider surveys will follow at a later date.

**4. Community Conversation Update—Mary Cunningham-Deluca, Jessica Murray, Sheri Butters**

Jessica shared that more than half of the conversations are done or scheduled. Mary and Jessica reported that there will be a larger scale Community Conversation held on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm at DHS. This will be open to the public and community at large.

Mary Belknap is interested in hosting a CC at the college in October. Tanda Reynolds shared a concern about the need to involve the schools.

**5. Strategic Planning – Session 2 (report to follow provided by Kelley Kuhn)**

**4. General Comments**

Comments were made by several members about not receiving their meeting announcements through email. Mary stated that we would email and mail packets before the next meeting to ensure everyone receives their information.

Comments were also made by several members regarding the lack of notice about the Frameworks Institute Workshop on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Mary reminded everyone that it was announced at our last meeting. Members wanted more notice or reminders with more lead time. Sheri re-emailed the Frameworks information to everyone.

Suggestion was made to insert the Community Report Card in Kids In Common to reach those families that do not receive the paper.

Mary stated that Kelley Kuhn would put together a report before our next meeting for everyone to review by email. She also encouraged everyone to reply back with feedback/comments.

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