

Lenawee Great Start
Minutes – February 2, 2010
Physical Health Group

Members present: Gretchen Hofing, Mike Kight, Lisa Leader, Christine Lee, Janet Schuler, Deana Smith

Margaret Gross, Great Start Director, presented opening comments and asked that the group focus today on year 1 (objective 2) – “increase understanding of the link between maternal health and child well –being.”

Per Margaret, funds have been earned by Great Start to implement a car seat voucher program. Through a partnership with Safe Kids, participants can earn a car seat for completion of prenatal programs. Lisa Leader and Deana Smith will meet with the Safe Kids group and get more information as to how this voucher program is going to work.

Lisa Leader, OB Educator for LHA, shared with the group that they are starting a new program for pregnant women called “Partners In Pregnancy”. The OB nurse(s) will have 3 one-on-one sessions with pregnant women and will include information about the Great Start Collaborative, Play Groups, Safe Kids, etc. The Physical Health Group members agreed that this program could be the link needed to identify clients and which services they may need in the county.

Each group member highlighted what types of services their organization offers. Margaret Gross needs all members of the group to email her this information (before the next meeting), along with age group restrictions, location of services (home visits or site visits) and how the services are funded. Great Start will put all this information on their website, as well as getting this information to the “211” line.

The group agreed that there seems to be duplication/overlap of same services and there needs to be more collaboration between organizations in order to get matching funds and leverage more dollars for program funding. The group believes having this information available on the Great Start website would be very helpful in avoiding duplication of services.

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