

Lenawee Great Start  
Minutes December 6, 2010  
Physical Health Group

Members present: Deana Smith, Lisa Leader, Burt Fenby, Terri Langton, Gretchen Hofing, Mary Vallad

Staff Present: Christie Cadmus, Beth Docking

Deana chaired the meeting. Members welcomed the new Great Start Director Christie Cadmus. Lest Christie would have to leave the group early, the agenda was diverted to the topic of additional funding for the Buckle Up for the Ride program. Previously the State Farm Insurance grant funds and Kapnick Insurance were identified as possible funding sources for continuation of the program. The State Farm application process is right on their website. Christie will look into the funding.

Buckle Up for the Ride update: Nine vouchers have been sent out and three have made appointments for the training in Jan. For the Imagination Library qualification, the baby must be born. Carol is the contact for all the libraries and she is based at the Adrian City library. Of the 54 events on the nine completed forms, 42 were CPC, 4 MIHP and 3 WIC. There has been good collaboration with the Buckle Up Program and members are to be commended for getting the program up and running so well. The brochure is being changed with a few edits.

Safe Sleep: We have had another death in the county from an infant sleeping in an adult bed. The group discussed how best to get the message out to parents and caregivers that babies need to be in their own bed. Sleep sacks were discussed. We had approached Megan about the possibility of Early On or the ECIC being able to purchase some at a good price that Mary had gotten through the Child Death State Review Team. Another option may be getting one of our community partners to make a commitment to purchase some. There was some discussion about distribution. The car seat training may not be the best time because we would like parents to focus on the car seat training. Perhaps the brochure for Safe Sleep could be placed in each of the 6000 Lenawee Great Start boxes that also need to be assembled.

Online survey for Lenawee Great Start : Currently on line for members of the consortium to pick top three goals. These will guide our future planning. We cannot change the goals but we may be able to change the objectives. Objectives may change if there is consensus from the group that the objective is no longer relevant. Beth is to send members of the group a one-page document that has the information that cannot be changed. Much discussion revolved around which year we were in to accomplish our time line.

What's next for the physical health group: We will look at the strategies and action steps for our Goals and see where we need to go.

Mary Vallad, Recorder

