

Lenawee Great Start
Notes--December 1, 2009
Physical Health

Members present: Burt Fenby, Terri Langton, Lisa Leader, Deana Smith, Mary Vallad
Members absent: Michele Gardner , MD, Gretchen Hofing, Mike Kight, Amy Sancrant, Janet Schuler

Margaret Gross, Great Start Director, presented opening comments and reviewed the tasks for the day:

- Finish identifying goals and objectives to work on this year (Oct. 09-Sept. 10)
- Determine work to be done by Years 2 & 3
- Complete action agenda by Dec. 31, with structured detail including Strategies, Action Steps, Measurements, Persons Responsible, Completion Dates and funding needs

Margaret also introduced members of the Great Start Parent Coalition, who asked for suggestions from the various work groups to help them reach more parents.

Members reviewed draft of the action agenda developed from proceedings of the October 6 meeting. Additions to the section for Goal 1, Objective 1 were made and will be added.

Members decided to delay further development of Goal 1 until progress has been made on Goal 2. The rationale is that paths for accomplishment of the objectives of Goal 1 might better be reached once Goal 2 objectives have been addressed. For example, it was emphasized that nearly all children 0-5 in Lenawee County probably are covered by health insurance through either the two local providers or through MI Health. The real challenge is to reach those who have not become part of the system. By focusing on Goal 2, the workgroup might be more successful in reaching the entire population. More consideration will be given to this decision at the February meeting.

Burt Fenby brought two books to be considered as incentives to be given parents who attend programs, in an effort to keep parents coming back. The Great Start Parent Coalition was also considered as a support group for encouraging parents to attend programs.

Mary Vallad will send Paula a list of providers who accept Medicaid patients.

The remainder of the time was spent on developing the action agenda for Goal 2 objectives. Paula will transfer this work to the draft document and convey it to the work group members either directly or through the LCGS office. Members will then be asked to add to the draft document.

Future meetings: February 2, April 13 and a retreat in June. The group prefers 11am-1 pm meetings., hoping that members who cannot arrive by 11 will arrive asap.

Paula Shirk, Recorder