

Lenawee Great Start
Minutes – October 6, 2009
Social and Emotional Health

Members present: Linda Bird, Kristen Columbus, Jana Penrod, Jan Peshke, Tara Saunders

Members absent: Linda Dieter, Sheryl Goldberg, Eddie Manuszak, Katie Wieks,

Introductions of each team member were made.

We were given the task of looking at the objectives the Collaborative Board Members decided upon after studying data: 1) Provide social-emotional information to families with children 0-5. 2) Enhance the social-emotional components of professional development for child care professionals. 3) Coordinate and expand a social-emotional support system for children 0-5, their parents and child care providers. 4) Ensure all children 0-5 can access high quality social-emotional diagnostic and intervention services. The group members talked and arrived at strategies, action steps needed, measurements and target dates for each objective/strategy that was discussed.

Objective 1

Strategy: Review existing information and materials on social-emotional health.

How do we get the information to people before the problem rather than after the problem exists? Prevention rather than consequences.

Need a broader access to distribute information.

Need to identify information that is the most valuable

Concise

Developmental Wheel

Suggestion was made to contact Sheryl Goldberg to see if she had information already being used. Kristen Columbus will contact her and report to the group at the Dec. 1 meeting.

Tara Saunders will look for other sources that might have Information available.

Strategy: Identify important bullet points to provide consistent messaging.

The bullets points will come out of the information that will be brought to the meeting on Dec. 1.

This list will be finalized at the April 13 meeting.

Parents need more information about the responsibilities of schools.

It is important to include people into this group who are knowledgeable about the laws governing testing/resources for children.

Jana Penrod will contact John Berridge to join us at the Dec. 1 meeting and Kristen Columbus will contact someone from the Washtenaw ACA (Association for Community Advocacy) to also attend the Dec. 1 meeting. This will give us an opportunity to ask questions that we were uncertain about.

Strategy: Develop plan to connect families to social-emotional health information.

Ideas for placement of information are: pediatrician offices, pre-schools, churches, Catholic Charities, grocery stores, WEBSITE

Strategy: Provide social emotional education information to expectant parents.

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