



Meeting Minutes – Educational Preparedness Working Group

Date: August 22, 2017

Time: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Location: Prior Lake Library

Work Group Members:

Roz Addler		Marie Johnson		Tamara Severtson	
Linda Anderson		Kim Latterner		Emily Skahen	
Kirt Briggs	X	Judy Mack	X	Kami Thompson	X
Lynne Burke		Julie Menden		Barb Weckman Brekke	
Kathy Busch		Todd Otis			

Staff Members:

Suzanne Arntson	X	Jake Grussing		Lisa Pollard	
Lisa Brodsky	X	Kathy Nielsen	X	Jennifer Schultz	
Sarah Geffre	X	Kari Ouimette	X	Tawnya Ward	X

Visitors: Steering Committee Members were encouraged to go to work group meetings to help try and form connections between groups. Bob Crawford from Steering Committee is visiting tonight as well as Mary Kay Stevens, Maternal Child Health Coordinator for Scott County.

Scott County Update

MCA test results for 2017 were recently released. Sarah will pull those statistics and bring them to the September meeting so that they can be compared against tests results from prior years.

Steering Committee Update

The Steering Committee saw a presentation by Stacy Crakes about Scott County housing needs.

The Steering Committee also talked about Community Engagement and why it is important to figure out what barriers exist for people to achieve economic success. As a result of Community Engagement, how do we figure out whose voice is at the table and whose should be?

Current Organizations/Services/Programs in Community

The goal of figuring out current organizations/services/programs in the community is to see where alignments can be made to maximize resources and to ensure we are not creating duplicate efforts. It is especially important to be aware of programs in the community that are not county run or affiliated and may be easily overlooked. All of the 50 by 30 groups are mapping services/programs in the community. The chart can be added to continuously as more services and programs are learned about.

Lisa mentioned that Scott County Public Health has a resource guide for health and wellness programs, and a list from CAP that lists food resources in Scott County. She has also has a list of Faith Providers, and a list from FISH. She will forward the lists to Kathy and Sarah.

Other programs in the community that were suggested to add to the list are Lions Club Eye Health Screenings, CAP Crisis Nurse, CAP Circle of Parents, Families Moving Forward, and Tapestry Vineyard Church in Elko New Market as they collect and distribute school supplies.

Kathy is planning a luncheon with faith providers and will collect resource ideas from them as well.

Community Engagement Questions & Volunteers

An important part of any Collective Impact Initiative is community engagement. Kathy plans to reach out to community leaders (faith leaders, Shakopee Diversity Alliance, etc.) throughout the county to develop relationships.

Each 50 by 30 group is looking at all of the data collected and is supposed to figure out “what areas they want to gain more insight or need to know/understand more.”

Kathy would like to start the community engagement effort with what is working and where are there successes?

Lisa mentioned that Scott County had done some community engagement surrounding early childhood learning last fall and earlier this year as part of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Discussion ensued about who Kathy will be engaging, whether that group of people should be engaged again, and whether more community engagement is really needed or if the report that will be produced from the Scott County community engagement effort is enough. Lisa will bring the list of community engagement questions that were asked as part of that meeting.

Bob said he would like to know what barriers exist for families to have their children participate in preschool screening.

Sarah asked for volunteers to be part of the Community Engagement subgroup. It was suggested Jen Schultz participate in that group since she has RFP experience, however, it is unknown if Jen has time to help with the Community Engagement subgroup. If you would like to be part of the Community Engagement subgroup, let Sarah know.

Key Indicators

The 50 by 30 Collective Impact 2017 Indicators dashboard was presented the group. The indicators are a set of shared metrics that track progress on the key outcomes for the 50 by 30 effort. Each 50 by 30 workgroup as well as the effort as a whole has various metrics that will be tracked yearly. The initial key indicators for Ed Prep were

1. % of 3rd grade students achieving reading standards overall, by free and reduced lunch, and by ELL
2. % of 3rd grade students achieving reading standards broken out by race
3. % of children who received early childhood screening before age 5 (preschool screening)
4. % of median Household Income Aged 25-34 spent on Childcare (1 child)

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5. % of children under the age of 6 living below the poverty level

Kathy asked the group if these were the indicators they would like, if not, why not and if not, what other indicators they would like to see instead.

Discussion ensued about the need to have indicators that the group can “move” and improve and not simply measure. A counter argument was suggested that these are simply measures and the 50 by 30 effort as a whole (not the Ed Prep group alone) can move some of these measures. The indicators are to be indicative of what is going on in the community, not goals.

It was asked who the key indicators are for. Kathy explained they are for SCALE, community partners, the project team and group when they communicate about the project, etc.

The indicators can change in the future, but should be data points that can be consistently measured.

It was decided that Ed Prep would keep the following indicators for now:

1. % of 3rd grade students achieving reading standards overall, and free and reduced lunch
2. % of children who received early childhood screening before age 5 (preschool screening)
3. % of children under the age of 6 living below the poverty level

World’s Best Workforce was suggested as a possible alternative; however, it will not work as a measure because it cannot be measured consistently across Scott County yet.

Homework

1. Sarah will put together a chart showing updated 2017 MCA test results and comparison year to year.
2. Lisa will forward resources lists to Sarah and Kathy.
3. Lisa will email Sarah and Jen a list of community engagement questions that were asked as part of the Scott County community engagement effort for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
4. If you would like to be part of the Community Engagement subgroup, let Sarah know.

Next Meeting Date: September 26, 2017 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Prior Lake Library.

Minutes taken by Sarah Geffre