



Meeting Minutes – Educational Preparedness Working Group

Date: June 26, 2018

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

Location: Prior Lake Library

Work Group Members:

Kirt Briggs		Judy Mack	X		
Kathy Busch	X	Tamara Severtson			
Renee Erickson	X	Emily Skahen			
Marie Johnson		Kami Thompson			
Kim Latterner		Barb Weckman Brekke	X		

Staff Members:

Suzanne Arntson	X	Jake Grussing	X	Mary Kay Stevens	
Lisa Brodsky	X	Kari Ouimette	X	Tawnya Ward	X
Sarah Geffre	X	Jennifer Schultz	X		

Guests:

Bob Crawford	X
Pam Sauber	X

Agenda Item 1: IZI Review (Jenn)

At the May Ed Prep Meeting, a copy of the 360 Report from Marnita’s Table about the Ed Prep IZI was handed out. The group was asked to review and bring back any questions, thoughts, comments, feedback, etc. to the June meeting.

If attendees checked the box on the feedback form at the IZI indicating they were interested in other events, they have been contacted. Jake sent an email to all 47 (across the 3 IZI’s) attendees that checked the box, but so far, none have responded back. He plans to start making phone calls.

Lisa reached out to the interested individuals’ specific to the Ed Prep IZI.

Scott County is a place where people are stable, connected, educated, and contributing

The Steering Committee wants to bring everyone together who indicated interest so that they can give feedback about the Community Engagement Process—what worked, what didn't, etc.

Jake will share the Big Book of Everything from Marnita's Table as well as a copy of the streamlined report they are creating for us.

Agenda Item 2: Flyer/Poster Update (Jenn)

Jenn prepared a couple of different flyer sizes—8.5 x 11, 10 x 14 and poster size (laminated) to show the group. The group felt the sizes were good choices. English/Spanish flyers were brought to the meeting. English/Russian and English/Somali versions are coming.

The group discussed a slight translation change on the Spanish version and decided to run with the first translation on the first round of copies since they were already printed. A slight modification will be made to the second round and electronic copies. All of the translations are being done by native or proficient speakers to ensure accuracy.

The group discussed where the flyers/posters should be distributed. A final list will be compiled based on group suggestions and research on the community. The list will be shared with the group.

The group discussed ordering some plastic flyer rack holders to have on hand in case sites would like one. Sarah will price out options and get some ordered.

The group also discussed the possibility of having magnets for people to take instead of flyers. They are smaller, can be put up on the refrigerator, etc. The design would have to be condensed significantly and the group is unsure of cost.

When the flyers are distributed to the school districts, we will also ask that they include the poster as an option on the "Where did you hear about Early Childhood Screening?" form and ask that they share that data with us several times throughout the year.

The group discussed how flyers should be distributed. While the group members could distribute the flyers, it may involve a longer roll out phrase. There is money in the budget for this project so the idea of paying someone (preferably someone already on Scott County staff on a part time basis for payroll and insurance liability purposes) was considered. It would be a quick and efficient way of ensuring the posters are put up quickly and distributed quickly throughout the community. This also would help provide a personal touch and the individual could talk further about the flyer and initiative rather than just dropping off or mailing flyers. Jake will think on the idea and make a decision.

The group could share the flyer within their circles of influence. The group thought that for tracking purposes (to avoid duplication of efforts as well to track influence, etc.) that a list be kept of where flyers are distributed. **Group members should email Sarah anytime they distribute flyer information in any format and she will keep the list.**

Agenda Item 3: Belle Plaine School District Information (Tawnya)

Several months ago the group noticed that Belle Plaine School District saw a significant increase in their MCA test scores over a three year period. Tawnya reached out to the Early Childhood and K-2 Principal

to garner her feedback. When she started as the new principal, she ensured that learning was standardized (ex. All First Graders learn the same thing on the same day) as well as implemented a “theme for the day” and STEM based activities. It has been a positive change for both students and teachers. Additionally, 65% of the Kindergarten students participated in the school district’s Pre-K program so the programs have a very integrated approach.

The group discussed the possibility of having interest stories in the Scott County Scene that feature “spotlight” articles on the school districts and the great programs they are doing (ex. Shakopee STEAM Lab, etc.).

Agenda Item 4: Birth Records Information

As a follow-up to the last meeting, Lisa and Kim met and Lisa compared the birth records that Public Health receives vs. Shakopee School District from Jan-Mar 2018. Lisa discovered that the percentage of records that Shakopee School District received varied by month (92%, 96% and 68% respectively). On average, it appears that Shakopee School District receives 84.4% of the birth records. The percentage was higher than anticipated, but still equals thousands of dollars of funding lost every year for Early Childhood Programs.

Jake and Lisa are working on a data sharing agreement with the school districts and will plan to work with other districts to do a similar comparison of records and compare percentages. Jake will give an update at the July meeting.

Agenda Item 5: Project Updates

❖ Steering Committee Update

Transportation group is working on a pilot auto repair program in Elko New Market to coordinate auto shops, part suppliers, and those in need of car repairs. FISH is facilitating the program.

Ed Prep group is working on the flyer

Workforce group had a Monster.com representative at their meeting to talk about the possibility of a website for jobs, housing, community events, etc.

Housing group is working on 3-4 grant applications. One was recently awarded to CAP for a Housing Program bringing together Shakopee School District, CAP, and Scott County CDA.

The Project Team is planning a project wide retreat in October. Additionally, Jake plans to talk with the project team and all of the work groups about the possibility of moving towards action groups instead of staying siloed in individual work groups. Jake would like to talk further about this at the July meeting.

❖ Scott County Update

None at this time.

Homework

1. Jake will share the Big Book of Everything from Marnita's Table as well as a copy of the streamlined report they are creating for us (when he receives it).
2. Sarah will compile the distribution list for the flyer to share with the group as well as price out plastic flyer displays.
3. Jake will update the group at the July meeting about the Birth Records and Data Sharing Projects as well as talk about a possible Live Learn Earn Re-Organization.

Next Meeting Date: July 24, 2018 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Prior Lake Library

Minutes taken by Sarah Geffre

Educational Preparedness Vision Statement

Ensure children are developmentally on track and prepared for educational success.

