



Meeting Minutes – Educational Preparedness Working Group

Date: September 26th, 2017

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

Location: Prior Lake Library

Work Group Members:

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

Staff Members:

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

Visitors: In for Sarah Geffre, was Jenn Beuch-Bohlsen, a Procurement Specialist for Scott County Office of Management and Budget, to take meeting minutes. Also, present, Mary Kay Stevens, Maternal Child Health Coordinator for Scott County Public Health.

Project Updates

- **FISH Luncheon**
 - a) The Luncheon will be held October 19th, 2017 with Kami Thompson and Kirt Briggs presenting on Collective Impact.
- **Community Engagement Volunteer**
 - a) There is still time to become an active member of a Focus Group to allow for open conversation within Scott County communities revolving around Early Education Screenings. Please contact Sarah Geffre if you are interested!
- **Scott County Update / 2017 MCA Scores**
 - a) Sarah pulled the statistics for the MCA scores for years 2015 - 2017 and generated multiple graphs.
 - b) Jennifer Schultz distributed the printouts of the 2015 – 2017 MCA scores.

Data Modernization Sharing Provisions Clarifications

Jennifer Schultz met with Suzanne Arntson (Scott County Child Welfare Manager) and Jeanne Andersen (Scott County Senior Attorney) in regards to the release of information. When releasing information between Scott County divisions,

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there is no need for the release of information. However, when releasing information from organization to organization, there is a need for the release of information.

Action

- Kirt Briggs, Jennifer Schultz, Sarah Geffre, and Kami Thompson gathered to create a potential action proposal that could be presented to the 50x30 Executive Board.
 - The action proposal must reflect a positive impact on the community along with creating a meaningful difference amongst the youngest generation in reducing Kindergarten surprises and increase third grade reading fluency.
- Lisa Brodsky presented the Education Preparedness Logic Model, which includes the problem statement, the long term goal, and the objectives to accomplish the long term goal of ensuring children are developmentally on track and prepared for educational success through the assistance of education, health, and clinics.
- For reference, Early Education Screenings ***DO NOT*** need to be completed by the age of three. However, the recommended age to have an Early Education Screening completed is the age of three.
- Kathy Nielsen asked for support in moving on with Early Education Screenings as the first action step , in which the majority of the working group agreed.

Homework

- Kathy Busch and Commissioner Weckman Brekke will work together to generate a list of questions that will be presented to the school districts within Scott County in regards to Early Education Screenings along with obtaining results of those screenings.
 - What are schools doing well?
 - What tests and evaluations are available for Early Education Screenings? What are the implications of instruments?
 - For those districts that are not performing as well as others and getting their desired results, what are the barriers?
 - Are all districts screening the same way? Are all districts using the same state standardized screening?
 - Who performs Early Education Screenings? Teachers? Nurses? Para-Professionals?
 - How do districts communicate to their geographical region that Early Education Screenings are required prior to Kindergarten?
- Kathy Busch will bring in an example of the MPSI (Minneapolis Preschool Screening Instrument).
- Kami Thompson will be contacting the Minnesota Department of Education to inquire as to whether or not screenings can be mobile.

Next Meeting Date: October 24, 2017 from 4:45-5:45 p.m. at the Scott County Government Center.

Minutes taken by Jenn Beuch-Bohlsen