



**Great Start Collaborative Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 2nd, 2009; 8:30 – 10:30am
Calhoun Intermediate School District**

Attendees: Chandra Youngblood, Ella Fabel-Ryder, Zoe Brainard, Christie Cipicic, Nicole Hamilton, Valerie Maksimchuk, Leslie Lee, Kris Jenkins, Dr. Lunger, Sheley Bess, Debbie Bedard, Ted Lindberg, Marylou Bax, Ebony Thorpe, Dawn Larsen, David Nielsen, Vivien McCurdy, Sarah Scott, Mary Dolbee, Lynne Kesterke, Dale Kimball, Angela Jackson, Matt Lynn, Doug Woodard, Mary Gehrig

Agenda Item	Minutes	Action
Welcome and Introductions	a. Dr. Lunger welcomed the group	
Great Start Updates	a. See "Status of Early Childhood in Calhoun County" in packet	
Parent Coalition	a. Zoe Brainard provided an update on the Annual Plan that is a working document and asked members to look at it and make any suggestions if they have any and she will take it back to the coalition. b. They had their first meeting and it was a success! They had 8 parents and 7 children, the families were very excited. c. Next Parent Coalition meeting scheduled for November 17 at 6-7:30 PM at CACC	A member asked Zoe if all the meetings were going to be in the evening and Zoe said they are looking to hold 2 meetings on the same day (morning/evening). Pass on coalition info to families you work with.
Harwood	a. Sheley Bess, Matt Lynn, David Nielsen and Angela Jackson, members of the Harwood Core Team, explained how Harwood was formed. b. The Harwood Core Team traveled to Santa Fe, NM and needed to put together a presentation about Calhoun County, so they came up with the Calhoun Community Fable. The Fable describes the local Harwood work done up to this point in a story.	
Ready Teams Status Report	a. Leslie Lee provided updates about the Ready Teams. b. They had their first meetings which were a great success. c. The goal of the first meeting was to define that Ready Team & decide on their purpose and norms. d. A representative from each Ready Team read their definition that was created at the first meeting. e. Ready Teams will now move into setting SMART goals. f. Each table took some time to discuss the possible work of each Ready Team and created a personal list of prioritized goals to take back to the Ready Teams.	



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SMART Goals	a. Doug Woodard presented information on setting SMART Goals. b. The Five Golden Rules of Goal Setting. c. Goals need to be Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic/Relevant and Timely.	
Communications Plan	a. David Nielsen started out by saying how proud he is to be part of a group who gets it! b. Worked to develop the Calhoun School Readiness Equation (<i>Ready Children = Ready Families + Ready Health Services + Ready Early Care & Education + Ready Schools + Ready Communities</i>) c. Ran newspaper banner ads in the Battle Creek Enquirer Thursday edition as initial focus. Advertising is on hold due to budget constraints. d. We need to measure our impact before moving forward & deciding next steps in regards to advertising. e. Final draft of communications plan will be presented at the next GSC meeting for approval.	David asked that if members had any suggested activities to add to the GSC communications plan that they write it on their draft and leave it on the table.
Next Meeting	Thursday, January 21st, 2010 1:00 – 3:00 pm ; Calhoun Intermediate School District	