



Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
School Readiness Committee
April 17, 2019
2:00-3:00 P.M.
Family Service and Children's Aid

Present: Megan Brown, Megan Brautigam, Jessica Hendricks, Cindy Spiess, Mary Belknap, Stephanie Denney, John Denney, Wendy Bell, Cathy Brubaker, Jackie Barber, Jen Ganzel, Kelly Sheppard, and Kelly Friedland

Welcome & Introductions

- Completed introductions and an inclusion activity.

Review March Minutes

- Add Megan Brautigam. She was present last month.
- 1,350 kindergarten transition kits
- Paragon and Francis Street Primary did not receive kits
- Concern that GSRP children are not receiving kits first.

"Ready to Learn" Break-Out Work

- Cradle 2 Career Network is the education network in Jackson County. Health Improvement Organization led by Henry Ford Allegiance. Financial Stability Network focuses on how to we help Jackson County have stability so they can focus on other areas.
- We a responsible for ready to succeed in school and ready to learn.
- Areas of focus the group previously developed:
 - Parents struggle to identify needs
 - Mindset that preschool is not important or is daycare (Family Support is working on this)
 - Lack of knowledge for parents on child development and identified developmental delays are recognized earlier.
- The last is what we are focusing on today. This is a good area to partner with the medical community.
 - 1. Who is already doing this in the community? Who could we partner with?

- 2. What is missing or is not happening?
- 3. Why is this problem?

Shared Measurement Workgroup Conversation

- The three networks are started to do some work to create large common goals.
- All the networks use collective impact (we work better if we all have a common goal)
- Shared measurement workgroup to lead the process to development a set of shared measures that align with all networks.

Member Sharing

- Jessica Hendricks – Jackson/Hillsdale Infant Mental Health Chapter. Babies Speak. Having photographers taking pictures with children under 1 and their parents. If you know of anyone of photographer or families with young children.
- Mary Belknap – shared a book Compassionate Teaching by Amelia Gamel. The approach is practical.
- Great Start Families is registered of Kids Fest on June 14th at Optimist Ice Arena this year.