



April 20, 2007, 1:00-2:30 PM

### Meeting Agenda

North Branch Area Library

- ❖ Introductions *13 Present: Karin Ihnen, Linda Prince, Sue Monroe, Lanay Webb, Barb Bishop, Kathy Blomquist, Cindy Anderson, Donna Hubbard, Lisa Isaacson, Rachel Fercho, Jodie Maher, Laura Rolf, Sally Nault-Maurer*
- ❖ Open Announcements/Updates/Resource Sharing
  - From Karin:
    - Great resources for work with fathers. Check the Minnesota Fathers and Families website at: [www.mnfathers.org](http://www.mnfathers.org)
    - Workshop opportunity: Attachment: Intervention/Treatment Models presented by Anne Gearity offered through the Center of Excellence in Children's Mental Health at the U of M, Wednesday, April 25, 2007, 12:30-4:30 PM, \$15. For more information or to register contact Ellen Lepinski at [lepin008@umn.edu](mailto:lepin008@umn.edu) or 612-625-6527.
    - THRIVE: Information flyer and upcoming meeting: THRIVE Training & Survey Report, April 19, 12-3 PM, at the American Heritage National Bank in St. Cloud. No cost; RSVP to Jane Ellison: [jane.ellison@isd47.org](mailto:jane.ellison@isd47.org) or 320-258-1103
    - Maximizing Your Volunteer Potential Workshop, Thursday, May 17, 2007, 9 AM to 4 PM, Initiative Foundation, Little Falls. Registration required by May 3: 320-632-9255 or [tyorek@ifound.org](mailto:tyorek@ifound.org). Workshop cost is \$55 for coalition members and includes lunch and materials.
  - From Wendy: Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) Child Care Provider Event, April 26
  - Spring Regional Workshops available for Psychological First Aid (PFA) and Personal & Family Preparedness. Workshops are "designed for educators who deal with behavioral needs of students every day and especially during a crisis in your school or community." Give Sally an email if you want the information: [naultmaur5@aol.com](mailto:naultmaur5@aol.com)
  - From Kath Lentz: United Way has developed some beautiful bookmarks displaying art created by children that not only passes along parenting tips, but also highlights Success By Six as a resource at the website [www.unitedwaytwincities.org](http://www.unitedwaytwincities.org), and the United Way 2-1-1 information number. Bookmarks are free for distribution and are available through Mee Vang at 612-340-7650.
  - From Lanay: Child Care Provider of the Year is Alicia Ridler from Chisago County.
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- ❖ Legislative Updates: April 3 meeting *Nine coalition members met with Sen. Rick Olseen, Rep. Jeremy Kalin, and Rep. Rob Eastlund to discuss the status and hopes for early childhood legislation. Legislators were cautiously optimistic.*
- ❖ Web site update: Lisa, Jodie, Kathy *Lisa distributed copies of the website pages, explained the framework and requested help with the following:*
  - Need help with:
    - Infant-Toddler-Preschoolers pages
    - Links to resources: *Lisa would like ideas for links and the contact information for the agency/organization. She will email a template of the resource page to members signing up to help. Sally assigned some members to agencies/organizations that seemed a natural fit.*
- ❖ Any interest in a joint workshop/speaker on Early Childhood Mental Health? *Discussion included the possibility of including this with the Kindergarten transition grant event. The decision will be made by the planning team of that event(s). Another speaker topic given was Childhood Obesity. It was recommended that child care be provided to increase interest and attendance.*
- ❖ Finalize brainstorming new projects for year three grant
  - Concerts in the Park: decisions needed today on: *Several members stayed after the meeting and made decisions. Sally will forward decisions to Jeanne.*
  - Books, titles: *Who Uses This?, Clifford's Manners, The Big Red Barn, ABC I Like Me, Caps For Sale, Click Clack Moo, Cows That Type*

-Readers (Jeanne has asked new superintendent); last years readers included local business representative, mayor, police officer, fire fighter, chamber president, etc. Who this year?: *farmer, legislator, EC teacher, Sue Monroe, police/fire fighter*

-Format? Still thinking a rocking chair? Who will bring it each week? *No rocking chair; encourage families to sit closer to the reader*

-Inserts in books? Last year we included information on the coalition & the language tips. Same this year? *Yes, still insert coalition information and Language Tips, but add an extra insert to change weekly, such as Born Learning materials, Ed Publishing materials, etc.*

From last meeting:

❖ Fundraising update

Letters sent to:

- NB Area Hockey Association: Lisa, yes, \$500
- Rotary: Linda, yes, \$1000
- United Way: grant submitted for up to \$5000

Rush City Jaycees: Jodie *email contact*

Lioness: Linda

Casino: Kerry *members signed the application and it was sent on it's way*

Thrivent: Kathy (not a fit)

North Branch VFW Post 6424,

Pat Tallico, 651-674-7854

- American Legion Post #85, 651-674-4810
- NB Lions, Don Hartzell, 651-674-4965
- - *Kathy B. will pursue Lake State for book bins*
- *Jodie will pursue Polaris and Anderson Windows*
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❖ Ready, Set, Go event grant opportunity: Application deadline: May 11<sup>th</sup>; Event to be held by Jan. 1  
*Task team struggling with a meeting date, but we'll keep trying*

❖ Our next meeting:

Friday, May 18, 2007, 1:00-2:30 PM