



December 14, 2007, 9-10:30 AM

Meeting Minutes

North Branch Area Library

- ❖ Introductions *10 present: Sue Monroe, Stacy Spaight, Jodie Maher, Lanay Webb, Linda Prince, Kathy Lentz, Kathy Blomquist, Lisa Isaacson, Jana Shogren, Sally Nault-Maurer*
 - ❖ Open Announcements/Updates/Resource Sharing/Web Site updates (send electronically to lisaacson1@msn.com)
 - Center of Excellence for Children's Mental Health Lessons from the Field, University of MN:
February 13, 2008 -8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dr. Abigail Gewirtz, Family Social Science faculty member at the University of Minnesota and Project Director of the Minnesota Child Response Center, will be leading a workshop on trauma and its impact on attachment.
March 24, 2008 -8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dr. Oliver Williams, Director of the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community and professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota, will lead a workshop on family violence and cultural influence as they impact the parent-child relationship.
May 7, 2008 -8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dr. Miriam Steele, Assistant Director of Clinical Training at The New School for Social Research in New York, will lead a workshop focusing on the intergenerational consequences of attachment as well as issues specific to adoption and foster care.

In addition, an afternoon session will be held on May 7th at the metro site with Dr. Steele. This session will be geared for a smaller audience of clinicians with the opportunity to be more interactive and focus more in-depth on the application of research into practice.

Location for entire series: Great Hall, Coffman Union and broadcast to Greater MN Host Sites
For questions or more information please contact Ellen Lepinski at 612-625-6527 or lepin008@umn.edu <<mailto:lepin008@umn.edu>> Registration will be available at www.cmh.umn.edu <<http://www.cmh.umn.edu/>>, later this fall.

 - 2008: Minnesota's Birth to Three Conference for Healthy Development; January 31 to February 2, 2008; Duluth Entertainment and Conference Center (DECC), Duluth, MN
"Turning Challenges into Possibilities: Supporting Families with Young Children" The purpose of this conference is to strengthen the knowledge, skills, strategies, and alliances of those who work with expectant families, infants, toddlers, parents, and communities to build a strong foundation for healthy development. Learn with others from public health, Early Head Start, family and center-based child care, disabilities services, mental health, ECFE, child protection, child abuse prevention, and many more of your colleagues; registration materials available in November. View & share the Save This Date flyer: <http://education.umn.edu/ceed/events/calendar/013108savedate.pdf> For more information, contact Rosemary Caspar at rcaspar@comcast.net.
 - *Stacy reported the good news that Head Start had been reauthorized and will include service for Birth to 3 in addition to 3-5 services.*
 - *Kathy Lentz will no longer be attending meetings as her area of focus will now begin with ages kindergarten and up. Missy Staples Thompson, Vice President of Success By Six will be attending coalition meetings in her place.*
 - *Kathy brought several DVDs of Greater Twin Cities United Way's Parenting: Ready Set Go! program aired on Twin Cities Public Television. The DVD includes episodes on bedtime and reading. Questions were asked on getting more copies and/or making copies of the DVD. Sally will email Missy the questions.*
- ❖ Website: Any members able to link their organization to the ECC website? *Jodie will write a letter to coalition members specifically asking about creating links between web sites. Lisa is working on purchasing a link to the NB Chamber website.*
We discussed opening the calendar of events to surrounding EC programs to promote events in all nearby communities (Rush City, Cambridge, Isanti, and Chisago Lakes.) Member agreed that these

programs should be contacted and invited to use the calendar page to promote family activities. Kathy Blomquist will contact these programs.

- ❖ *Information on services currently being offered to families: We've received some feedback of services and information being provided to families. Sally will follow-up with Kerry and Public Health for information on what those programs provide.*
- ❖ *Ready, Set, Go—Kindergarten Readiness event summary*
Thanks to the following coalition members for their part in the event (in alphabetical order): Jeremy Kalin, Kathy Lentz, Kerry Moberg, Pam Pignato, Wendy Walburg, and Lanay Webb. There was great participation in planning, set-up, event facilitation, large group presentation, small group facilitation, and clean-up. Thank you!
Sally distributed an event summary. If you'd like to receive a copy, please let her know. The event did go over budget by \$351 because of \$150 for the purchase of the Early Childhood Indicators of Progress books and the cost of food being more than expected. These additional costs will come out of the coalition budget. Additional comments included:
We could charge more than \$8 to attend
We need more time for planning
The Activity Sheets should include a "direction" section.
- Feedback from EC staff: Kerry
- ❖ *Adding to the coalition: faith community & health care, business, industry & employers: Ministerial Association update: Jeremy is willing. Sally has asked Kerry to also attend. Health Care Sally will contact Karla.*
- ❖ *Anonymous Santa update: Jeanne delivered over 200 books to the project from the EC Coalition! Thanks Jeanne and Kerry for making this happen!*
- ❖ *Community EXPO plan to promote coalition & website*
We discussed options for promotion of the website. There are funds budgeted for promotion and we'll work to have something in place for the Community EXPO.
- ❖ *Linda Prince reported all the books were distributed at Santa Days through the North Branch Lioness. Linda said parents were very happy to receive a book. The North Branch Lioness made a donation of \$65 to the Early Childhood Coalition. Thank you Linda!!*
- ❖ *We discussed the future funding needs of the coalition. After this next grant, the Initiative Foundation will have fulfilled its three grants to the group. We may apply for additional funding, but the amount will likely be \$5000-\$7500 rather than the \$10-12,000 amount we've received in the past. As we discussed fundraising the following points were made:*
 - *It's important to stay in contact with groups who have already supported the coalition with general statements of what the group has accomplished.*
 - *The Chamber may be looking for speakers for upcoming months. We discussed presenting the coalition, results of our group efforts, data on this community (children in child care, poverty rates, trends, etc.) our goals to address the unique needs of this community, financial needs, and asking Mark Scally to talk about the importance of business support to early childhood. Sally will contact the chamber about upcoming speaker openings.*
 - *Kathy Lentz thought Missy may also provide support to our group.*
 - *Kathy Blomquist suggested we approach family friendly businesses for support. Perhaps we could find a business to champion our group/cause.*
 - *We also discussed joining the chamber as a non-profit. It would be beneficial in promotion of the coalition, and would give us the opportunity to support the chamber which in turn supports the community business. Members decided to join the chamber. When we receive funding, Sally will contact the chamber about membership. Coalition members who currently attend chamber meetings include: Jodie, Lisa, Kathy B.*
- ❖ *Year Three Projects:*
 - *Connect with families during late infancy & toddler development (6, 12, 18 months.) Kerry*

- Jodie: Areas for information/support for infants, toddlers, preschoolers
- Website promotion: Lisa, Kathy, Jodie
- Ongoing fundraising/business engagement: Donna, Kathy, Kerry, Barb, Sally
- Literacy/Book bins/Santa Anonymous/Concerts in the Park selections: Donna, Sue, Linda, Lanay

❖ Our next meeting:
Friday, January 25, 2008, 9-10:30 AM; North Branch Library