

Success by Six Minutes
November 19, 2008

Present: Karla Robb, Robin Rivinius, Jill Gregoire, Boyd Meduna, Stacey Kilwein, Shonda Wild, Linda Reineke, Doreen Ott, Kirsten Hanson, Sheila Walter, Del Quigley

Email changes to minutes to Robin: robinr@funshineexpress.com

Assignment Reports:

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL #1 - BUILDING COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Sharon - Submitted status of Oct. Committee Assignments via email

- Sharon simplified the strategic plan. The resulting four goals have been added to the About Us pg of the website.
- Sent links for website to Robin.
- Emailed questions to ask legislative candidates to Karla/Robin.
- Submitted state update to Stacey for newsletter.

Deb and Stacey

- Reviewed website and didn't have any additional info to add regarding parenting.
- Early Childhood Center's phone number will be on next newsletter

Jill

- Still trying to access quality SB6 logos
- Regarding website, Jill did contact Frank to request .org domain registration (in addition to current .com - both will work), hit counter, and search box. Frank will be adding these features to the site.

Karla and Robin

- Karla sent letters to candidates for governor (from the position of a citizen, not necessarily as a rep of SB6). She did not receive responses.
- Robin updated pgs on website to include new strategic goals and links from Sharon

Shonda

- The Child Care in ND 2007 visual is not yet on CCRR's website. They are reworking their site. She/Linda will request permission from Business and Tech dept - will let us know when they have permission (Jan?).

LOCAL CHILD CARE PROVIDER MEETING

Sheila - Eight providers were in attendance. Talked about staffing issues. Centers in Fargo have had to close.

Looking at starting local association. Meeting tonight again to talk about Growing Futures - will talk about how to talk to legislators to get them to support some solutions. Linda explained four child care programs in Fargo have closed in last seven months - may be silent epidemic in other communities.

INFO/UPDATES FROM ND CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL

Linda and Shonda

- **Child Care Survey:** Blake Crosby contacted someone in Dickinson; results in a report on need for child care; will give economic developers true data
- **March 2** - Dr. Bruce Perry, Bism. native, will be in ND. Cost will be approx. \$45 with lunch. 9am-3/4pm. Will meet with EC professionals during the day and legislators in the evening. CEUs provided. Still looking for funding.
- **Growing Futures:** Some of this document has been in planning for 10 yrs but seriously for last yr. All of its

- components are needed. Includes quality rating system for child cares across the state (voluntary, star ratings) to empower parental choice, workforce training, technical assistance, retention support, and capacity building components. Currently being drafted into a bill. Last year's bill didn't include Quality Rating System (QRS). Rich Wardner is a sponsor. Some democrats and some republicans are supporting it. Legislators need to hear why this is important to us and our community (fair and available to all communities, will help workforce issues, will help communities that don't have entities such as United Way). Linda explained the importance of sharing info about 1) infant brain development and 2) economic development with policymakers. Economic development is dependent on child care; you will not have a strong and ready workforce without child care.
- **Statewide happenings:** ndparents.org - Parents Coalition - founded by Mark Anderson to empower parents and child care providers to collaborate for early childhood opportunities. Go to site and enter your email to receive updates.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- 2009 Legislative Deadlines Calendar was distributed. There is also a SW area event held in Bism. No one is certain of the date of that event.
- Get parents to Saturday coffee with the legislators. Anyone is allowed to speak at these meetings. Best place to share information with policymakers; they are too busy otherwise.

New Assignments:

- Karla will take care of newsletter article/update.
- Karla and Robin will attend next United Way board mtg to explain who SB6 is and what we do.
- Jill and Robin will attend Early Childhood Day at the state capitol on Jan 12, 2009. Purpose of the event (according to flyer): Tabletop displays from early childhood agencies and advocates share their organization's mission, resources, and effort toward enhancing EC experiences in ND. Build public awareness. Reach policymakers. Promote united voice for EC. Networking.

Next meeting: December 17, 2009, 3:30pm, at Head Start. Send agenda submissions to Karla (krobb@ndsupernet.com) or Robin (robinr@funshineexpress.com).

Submitted by Robin Rivinius

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