



GCC Board Meeting Notes

Date: 7/19/2023 **Time:** 11:30 am- 1:00 pm

Location: Hybrid - Cottonwood Inn and Conference Center and Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88564277595>

Attendees:

Board Member	Present:	Board Member	Present:
Jennifer Jackson (Chair)	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Rev. Michael Keating	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Janice Hohenstein (Vice-chair)	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Parker	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Eldon Bensen (treasure)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Olga Guevara	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Cyndi Hansen (Secretary)	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Norma Karnes	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Ashely O'Dell	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Rhonda Robson	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Dave Faldmo	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Mandy Engel-Cartie	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Val Uken	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Rebeca Quezada Resigned	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie Pickinpaugh	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	VACANT	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
VACANT	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		

Excused: Rhonda Robson, Michelle Parker, Eldon Bensen

Others Present: JoAnn Gieselman, Sandy Nation, Kathy Moller, Matt Ohman, Kim Jenkins

Item #1: Welcome/introductions-JoAnn/Jennifer-**Chair**

- Who gave you your name? Is there a reason for that name?
- Do you have any nicknames? If so, how did you get them?
- What is your preferred name?

Item #2: Consent Agenda-**Chair** - Jennifer Jackson

1) Consent Agenda

Propose the Motion: Stephanie Pickinpaugh		Second Motion: Rev. Mike Keating	
In Favor: 9	Opposed: 0	Abstaining: 0	Motion Carries: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

#3 Updates/Discussion Items

- 1) Recognition and appreciation of those leaving GCC Board
 - a) Dave Faldmo
 - b) Jennifer Jackson
 - c) Stephanie Pickinpaugh

- 2) Vote for GCC officers-Chair. Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
 - a) Chair- Janice Hohenstein
 - b) Vice Chair -Mandy Engel-Cartie
 - c) Treasurer – Eldon Bensen
 - d) Secretary – Dr. Cyndi Hansen

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- 3) Possible new board member-we still have 2 additional spots, Possible recommendations- Someone who reflects our community and possibly with lived experience. **Alejandra Flores with WITCC and Brian Van Berkum-SRO officer and Dakota County commissioner – Rebeca Quezada- due to busy schedule is resigning- She would like to recommend America Perez (Lupe). Rebeca said I have known America for over a year and worked with her during my time at Tyson. America is an open-minded individual who is always willing to grow personally and professionally, to strengthen her cultural competence, and get involved with the community. I believe America would be a great addition to the GCC board.**

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In Favor: 9	Opposed: 0	Abstaining: 0	Motion Carries: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

- 4) Community Response (CR) update-Sandy
 - a) Fiscal Year 2023 - 10/1/2022 - 7/19/2023
 - i) 91 Applications
 - ii) 137 Adults
 - iii) 252 Children
 - iv) \$31,096.67 in funds provided for rent, utilities, medical expenses, daily living (telephone, clothing, hygiene), parenting, and transportation (bus passes).
 - v) Rent and utilities remain the top two requests for assistance
 - vi) Receiving calls every day needing assistance
 - b) Community Response – everyone is assigned a coach and the coach works with them to determine the family’s needs. The coach brings information to the advisory team and provides recommendations. Unfortunately, we are not able to cut a check right away as we need to meet with the advisory which only meets every other week. We have occasionally made an exception if it is an emergency.
 - i) Coaches work with families on goals and provide families with community resources. They also work with them on a budget and figure out how to make them sustainable.
 - ii) Coaches Agencies include
 - i. Unity in Action
 - ii. Owens
 - iii. Community Monitoring
 - b. Advisory committee includes individuals from the following:
 - i. Heartland, Unity in Action, Community Monitoring, NECC, Owens, Community Volunteer, Region 4, Parent to Parent Network DHHS, and GCC.
 - 1. Dave would like to have Cristina attend from SCH
- 5) Early Childhood Community Coordinator (ECCC) update-Kathy
 - a) Communities for Kids – Build quality, capacity, and safety in early childhood settings.
 - i) Current Licensed In-Home Providers in Dakota County
(1) 17
 - ii) Current Licensed Centers in Dakota County
(1) 8
 - iii) Current Licensed Providers participating in Step Up to Quality (NE Quality Rating Scale System)

- (1) 17/25 licensed in-home providers/centers
- (2) Cubby Care at Step 5
- 6) Community Well-Being/Data Report update -JoAnn
 - a) Networks for Family and Resource Centers - one in IA and one NE
 - i) JoAnn is a part of both groups – they are talking about networks being available in the area or an actual building.
 - (1) GCC is looking at a building for a resource center
- 7) Strategic Planning going forward -Thoughts-JoAnn
 - a) Community Resource Center - ideas for a name, donation thoughts, connections in the community for funding, IA/Neb resource center networks
 - i) Networks make it seem more reliable – want a name that fits the whole community regardless of being in IA or NE
 - ii) Have coaches available to develop relationships. Coaches would do a family assessment to determine their needs and walk with them throughout the process of finding support.
 - iii) We could have Impact Wednesdays where different organizations come to one location so families do not have to come to each individual location to get support.
 - iv) If you think of any names please send them to JoAnn
 - v) Donations
 - (1) To show that our board is fully invested in building a resource center, GCC would like board members to consider donating a minimum of \$1. That way when JoAnn meets with potential investors she can say that the board is fully on board.
- 8) In–Person GCC meeting-Sept. 14th 9 am-Just a reminder-JoAnn
 - a) The location is the Cottonwood Inn and Conference Center
 - b) Last year we had a meeting in-person and identified food insufficiency, Mental Health, and Drug Misuse as areas of focus – at our meeting in September we will go over the data collected in those areas and we will have panelist from each of the areas to talk about their efforts of impact.
- 9) Ready to Serve updates- Dr. Cyndi Hanson
 - a) Classes help those interested in serving on boards and commissions be prepared and confident.
 - b) The participants are truly people who want to make a difference in the community and want to find a way to engage
 - c) Sharing what their passions are and great engagement with panelists asking questions about how to get involved
 - d) The last session is going to focus on balancing or understanding where to commit and serve and understand the implications on your personal life in a public role – Need 2 more panelists
 - i) Matt Ohman agreed
 - e) Class has been very successful so we will look into doing another one next year.
- 10) Peer support and Family Engagement- Jennifer Jackson
 - a) Peer Support – youth peer support and summer camps with middle school and high schoolers
 - i) Going on different outings each week
 - (1) Community Garden – learned about bees and pulled weeds
 - ii) These kids have all been diagnosed with Mental Health – wouldn't necessarily have the opportunity to go on these fun outings
 - iii) Different speakers come in
 - iv) Pick the kids up and take them home
 - b) Family Engagement
 - i) Working with parents and their children
 - ii) They come once a week for a couple of hours
 - iii) Provider and Peer support Provider running it
 - iv) Teaching families different parenting skills
 - v) It's free and they have a toys they plan with there and they get to take home

c) GCC helps support these activities when possible

11) Role of GCC- Services Duplication? – Dr. Cyndi Hanson

- a) What is GCC's role in the community when it comes to duplication of services?
- b) Are we in a position to raise the question of those services already being filled by other agencies and does it need to continue
- c) A conversation no one likes to have – but as a collaborative seeking to avoid duplication and encourage collaboration and specialization without alienating the members of the collaborative
- d) Some people have a passion and start a non-profit, but is it needed
- e) Need to discuss the difference between a non-profit and a program – they may have an idea for a program,
- f) May not know what non-profits do on a day-to-day basis without knowing if it is duplicating
- g) We could have a conversation about the number of nonprofits that have exploded in our community and that there are limited resources to fund them – We could bring some expertise to the table
- h) There is a finite amount of resources in our community and the more people are asking for them the more diluted it gets
- i) GCC meeting – being informational – GCC bringing together all nonprofits and highlighting and promoting their services – See where there might be a gap or duplication
- j) Our role could be to just bring up the question – Can we work together versus starting a new nonprofit
 - i) Example – everyone doing their own needs assessment- as a community, we should be using one
- k) Take a look at the nonprofits that closed and see why – know where it didn't succeed
- l) Most nonprofits have similar board members
- m) July 2024 GCC meeting could focus on this topic
- n) Would have a greater chance of success if starting a program under a pre-existing thriving non-profit
- o) Can do a survey with GCCs current data system

12) TFSC- SMART Goals-Kathy

- a) TFSC meets monthly we are working to identify and develop strategies and resources to help families. TFSC is a nationwide system. Find preventative services to keep families together
 - i) identify the cultural childcare needs by interviewing 40 families by August 2023.
 - (1) Making progress on this goal – will interview families this weekend from Kulmis and Bambinos – will also work to interview families who are not currently using child care in the African culture which is typical
 - ii) Train 3 parents by August 2024 to ensure children are in a safe environment and engaged in quality child care.
 - (1) Currently on hold – hoping to partner with LSI to offer training in Somali and Oromo – In Des Moines LSI offers this program and is working on mirroring it in Sioux City. Just hired a new Early Childhood lead and waiting for that person to get onboard

13) Lived Experience-From our TFSC listening sessions-JoAnn

- a) Compensation-\$25 an hour
- b) Sensitively around recruitment and serving on workgroups or advisory teams like TFSC-
 - i) Push for every board to have individuals with lived experience – looking specifically if they are currently in the system or have ever been in the system – so we can hear firsthand what the needs are
 - (1) How do we get someone to feel that they are a part of the board and if they are willing to share their experience?
 - (2) We also don't want tokenism
 - (3) TFSC started out with families sharing their experiences and it felt wrong
 - (a) Someone from Parent Partners or have them come with someone?
 - (b) Have agency share stories to help us better understand

14) LB1173 – a NE bill that passed unanimously to work together to advance a practice and finance model to transform child and family well-being in NE. They would like to have Collaborations be a “warmline” to families that are reported but not investigated - still figuring out what it will look going forward but by Dec. 31 -they

want a model in place that would cover all reported cases to DHHS that are not deemed needing investigation.

JoAnn

- a) Calls coming into DHHS that do not meet the criteria of being investigated get dropped and nothing is done to support those families
 - b) Looking at collaboration to be that “warm line”
 - c) Concerns – Don’t want to be perceived as DHHS
 - d) Will potentially bring more funds to GCC
 - i) Could it be tied with Community Response? – yes, will need more coaches
- 15) Sustainability Planning for GCC -1st, thank you to those who have joined me on some of the calls-Michelle Parker, Matt Ohman, Erica DeLeon, Mandy Engel-Cartie, Kathy Moller, Sandy Nation, Cyndi Hanson, Norma Karnes and Rhonda Robson, Stephanie Pickinpaugh, Val Uken- We have discussed marketing...our last meeting was on funding. JoAnn
- a) What are functions or roles that are most challenging to fund for your collaborative?
 - b) How are you preparing for LB 1173 and thinking through the public-private mix of funding necessary to support your Collaborative?
 - c) What are the key drivers of your budget and long-term sustainability? Would one big wave crash the entire boat?
 - i) NCFF funding is the only funding sustaining GCC
 - d) What are your best ideas worthy of replication or adaptation as it relates to fund development? -one was to have your Central Navigator work at a business-like Tyson and serve people there.
 - i) NCFF now has 22 collaborations across the state of NE that they are helping to fund – funding won’t last forever
 - ii) SHIP would be able to cover GCC for a few months if NCFF quit funding immediately
 - iii) Currently trying to market collaboration – help people understand how important collaborations are
 - iv) Need grant funding
 - v) Current funding from NCFF
 - (1) Community Well-Being
 - (a) \$399,981
 - (2) Rooted in Relationships
 - (a) \$134,000
 - (3) Communities for Kids
 - (a) \$158,597.73
 - vi) Seek out large foundations.– invite them to the GCC meetings to see what is done
 - (1) Casey, Sherwood, Kim
 - (a) Sherwood backing away from NCFF – looking to fund buildings
 - vii) Seek out the county to sustain GCC
 - viii) Tyson
 - Thanks so much to those of you who were able to participate in the sustainability planning cohort call last week. For those of you who missed it, here's a [link to the recording](#) with a transcript of the meeting.
 - Please come prepared to talk about your initial thoughts on your long-term finance and sustainability strategy for your Collaborative during our next cohort call on August 4th at 11:30. ron@smarterlearninggroup.com Ron Fairchild
- 16) Zoom Meetings for Board Meetings For winter meetings-
- a) Move meetings in October and January to Zoom and have April and July in-person
 - i) Help with cost of food
 - ii) More attendance via Zoom
 - (1) Better collaboration in-person
 - iii) Look into a new location – more stable internet

(1) Heartland, Church, SCHC

17) See current event and updates at the bottom

#4 Board updates and sharing of resources:

a) National Health Center Week – August 10 – 4 pm – 6 pm – everyone is invited to have a table

#5 Board of Director Documents-

a) GCC Board meetings for 2023- Oct. 18th, at 11:30 am

Item #6- Any future Board agenda items you would like to see?

Item #7 Closing/Thank you- **Next meeting: October 18, 2023, at 11:30 am**

Propose the Motion: Janice Hohenstein		Second Motion: Dave Faldmo	
In Favor: 9	Opposed: 0	Abstaining: 0	Motion Carries: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

- GCC endeavors to build belonging in every meeting.
- GCC is a Tri-state collaborative that strives to connect and support our wonderfully diverse communities.
- We strive to facilitate a culture where diversity, equity, and inclusion are respected and intentionally valued by implementing thoughtful, practical, consistent, and innovative strategies that can serve as a model for those in our communities.
- GCC denounces discrimination and opposes any form of oppression.
- We strive to improve the quality of life for all individuals in the Siouxland area including diverse cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives.
- GCC is committed to supporting the work of community partners who strive to build positive protective factors for our youth and children and preventative supports that keep families together.
- We are a data-driven collaboration providing evidence that we are meeting the needs of our diverse community.

Current Events and Activities

- GCC meetings
- Ready to Serve leadership training
- Thriving Families Safer Children
- Community Planning meetings- Food box
- REACT to Human trafficking
- Neb. & Iowa Family Resource Center network
- Website update
- TFSC learning sessions.
- State Coordinator calls
- Source For Siouxland data booklet combined with CWB booklet
- Presentation for DHHS

- Updating work plan
- Pyramid
- PCIT
- PIWI
- Family Cafes
- ECH Connections Meetings
- Community Response meetings
- Health Siouland Initiative meetings
- Mental Health Round table meetings
- Sustainability meetings
- Circle of Security
- Summer school Second step
- Quarterly meetings with LSI and Mary J Treglia
- Quarterly Juvenile Service meeting
- Project embrace- Through the eye of a child team
- Radio ads upcoming
- Honor of sitting on the Heartland Counseling Board of directors
- Honor of sitting on Haven House Board of directors