



GFEECC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 11, 2019











Board Meeting 12:00-1:00PM

Head Start Emerson Site, 1220 3rd Ave. S.

Vision: *An engaged community with sustained, comprehensive and collaborative strategies to support meaningful family engagement for the health and well-being of children prenatal to age eight.*

Mission: *To ensure focused efforts on coordinated and comprehensive systems of care to best meet the needs of families, women and children, prenatal to age eight.*

Board Meeting		
12:00	Call to Order and Welcome	In Attendance: Cyndie Einan, Nicole Zimmerman, Sarah Layton, Kathy Keel, Jessica Harris, Melissa Hernandez, Brett Gilleo, Barb McGillis Excused: Beth Branam, Katee Guderjahn, Kara Emery Brett Gilleo called the meeting to order at: 12:01pm
12:05	Consent Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was not voted on at this time.
Brett	* <i>Previous Minutes/Old Business</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brett referred to the meeting minutes sent out in packets.
Brett/Cyndie	* <i>Treasurer Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brett referred to the Treasurer Report sent out in packets
12:15	Old Buisness	
Jessica	MT ECH System B-5 Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Jessica Harris referred to the PPT handout ☺ Data from needs assessment was reorganized and explained significant information for Cascade County. (49% are receiving SNAP benefits. 35% of caregivers are employed with inconsistent work hours. 81% care for a child with at least one vulnerability. 20% state there are no openings in childcare for children with disabilities. 37% don't feel included by ECE provider.) ☺ Jessica mentioned that "Provider Data" from the Needs Assessment still needs to be analyzed. ☺ Jessica also noted that additional statistics from the needs assessment may be released at a later time
Brett	Community Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Brett discussed the need to pick a date for Professional Development Session, "Breaking The Iron Cage Of Poverty" with Dr. Beagle ☺ Possible dates sent to Jessica/Melissa ☺ Nicole offered to conduct Doodle Poll to survey available October 2019 dates ☺ Nicole recommended to contact Lacey Hallet of Prosperity Matters for possible assistance with coordinating event ☺ Discussion held on providing live feed/recording of event ☺ Discussion held on picking second date for 2020 for another event with Dr. Beagle
Brett	GFEECC Strategic Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Mark Willmarth is confirmed to facilitate Strategic Planning with the GFEECC Board 08/15/2019 (12:00-

		3:00PM)  Jessica will reserve Opportunities, Inc. Conference Room for Meeting and will make a note on meeting invite that parking is available in front and back of Opportunities, Inc. Building
Jessica/Melissa	Marketing and Communication Committee	 Jessica invited all to attend next meeting, 8/8/19 (10:30-11:30AM)  Jessica will reserve Opportunities, Inc. Conference Room for Meeting
12:30	New Business	
Brett/Jessica/Melissa	GFECC Website/PCAN	 Jessica and Melissa will get in contact with Tim for Website Reorganization  Adding Board Meetings/Events under “Board Tab” on Website. Discussion was held
Board Members	Member Updates/Sharing	 Cyndie offered promotional ideas for GFECC. Creating quarter cards and/or magnets to hand-out at events; will be discussed at next PR Meeting (8/8/19), Possible ECC Table at 8/10/19 Voyagers Game (12:00-4:00PM), Creating more Promotional Products; clips, silly putty, fidget toys. Discussion was held
1:00	Adjourn	Brett adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.
<i>Next Meeting: August 8th 12:00-1:00 Board Meeting, General Meetings will resume in September.</i>		
<i>Thank you for joining us today. Each of our members makes this coalition work!</i>		
Reminders/Upcoming Great Falls Early Childhood Coalition/Community events:		
 AUGUST 8 - GFECC Marketing & Communication Committee Meeting  AUGUST 15 - Board Strategic Planning Session  Visit http://gfecc.org/wp/calendar/ for all things related to families and young children.  Email coordinator@gfecc.org to have your events or organization featured on the ECC Webpage.		