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Early Childhood Block Grant Partners Meeting
Monday, Nov. 2, 2009

Present: Heidi Collins, Tiane Fox, Jim Garrett, Cara Griffin, Audra Kenneson, Emily Lies, Debbie Mai, Kandi Miller, Beth Oaks, Nancy Rasmussen, Teresa Rupp, Luella Sanders, Shana Schmidt, Cornelia Stevens, Shirley Theurer, Walt Thiessen, Cayla Wasson

Announcements

- United Way will serve as fiscal agent for the continuation of the grant in 2010 and 2011. Luella Sanders will be the point person for UW.
- Jim Garrett will continue to serve as grant manager, although his employment with Rainbows United will end on Friday, November 13. Whether Jim works under contract to Rainbows or to United Way is still being discussed, but he will continue with the grant to provide continuity.

Stories

Stephanie Harder, Development Director from Rainbows United, is collecting stories of individual families/children/providers to illustrate what the Block Grant has been able to achieve in its first year. She is helping us prepare a summary of the numbers of children and caregivers who have benefited from the grant, which will be shared with the people/foundations who contributed to the 2009 cash match. The individual stories will help make our case for requesting help with the 2010 cash match. Several stories were shared; any additional stories should be sent to Stephanie by Friday, Nov. 6, at sharder@rui.org.

Plans for the 2010 Continuation Grant

- **Continuation application for 2010 is due December 1, 2009.**
- **To meet the due date, United Way plans to submit our proposal on November 25, 2009, the day before Thanksgiving.**
- **Continuation application can be shorter than last year's and will include**
 1. Same funding level as 2009
 2. Focus on differences/changes from last year rather than a full needs statement
 3. Success/challenges from 2009 and how we are addressing those in 2010
 4. Progress toward benchmarks
 5. Program approach (goals/objectives/numbers to be served/population targeted/ timeline)

Jim Garrett and Luella Sanders are scheduling individual meetings with grant partners before November 12 to get ready to write the continuation application.

United Way will take the lead on plans for raising the cash match for 2010. Pat Hanrahan will attend the next grant partners meeting to share his thoughts so far on this.

Next Meeting of Grant Partners

- Monday, November 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at United Way of the Plains Boardroom
- Look at plans/wishes for the 2010 proposal
- Discuss how best to reprogram the funds that won't be used in 2010 as originally proposed in 2009 (specifically, the "family check-up" funds that WSU had relinquished and the infant/toddler classroom funds relinquished by Rainbows United)

Driving Directions to United Way of the Plains

245 N. Water Street

Water Street is a one way street in downtown Wichita. An easy way to get to United Way is as follows:

1. Come to the corner of Main and Douglas. This is the Intrust Bank corner.
2. Drive one block further west on Douglas and turn north onto Water Street.
3. Drive one block north to First Street. Across First Street and on the corner to your left is the Wichita Public Schools administration building.
4. Come through the First Street intersection and keep driving north on Water.
5. Just past the Wichita Public Schools building is parking, and the United Way building is at the north end of that parking lot. You can park and walk into the United Way.
6. United Way's Boardroom is on the second floor.