



**Grand Beginnings
BOD Minutes
Tuesday, September 27, 2011 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Granby Library**

Grand Beginnings Mission
Our mission is to promote a child-centered school readiness system that fosters early learning, facilitates healthy child development and promotes family success in Grand County.

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Attendance: Taunia Shipman, Bethany Buege, Sheryl Shushan, Wendy Stefanski, Jennifer Fanning, Amy Miller, Gail VanBockern, Val Whitford, Amy Kaplanis, Rhoda Hill, Bruce Atchison, Nikki Eggers

Excused Absence: Cara McDonald

Time	Agenda Item	Desired Outcome(s)	Discussion	Actions/Next Steps
4:00 pm	Call to order Partner Announcements		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions to Bruce Atchison • GCRHN: ABCD initiative presented with Grand Beginnings at the Health Integration Coordinator conference in Denver. Also, Grand County was spot-lighted County on a poster by the CO Dept of Public Health at the CO Public Health Association conference . Many discussions regarding how Grand County achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare Providers communicate with one another • Medical home defined • Patient centered core <p>High interest in keeping up communications</p> <p>ASQ update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaire has been complete and we have 100% participation of Grand County physicians and early 	Call to order at 4:06pm by Taunia Shipman



	Minutes from 8/23/2011	Discussion / Approval of minutes	<p>learning programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All physicians in Grand County have been trained • Looping back around to see what type of technical assistance needs to be offered to whom • Gathering information for round table with physicians and early childhood people involved • Working on referral system for communication. <p>CCAP assistance can now be completed on-line Chats.state.co.us/client/selfservice/ccat</p> <p>Granby Preschool has CPP slots to fill, Rhonda will send blast e-mail to inform community</p> <p>Minutes approved – Amy Kaplanis provided a first and Wendy Stefanski provided the second – Motion Approved</p>	<p>Taunia to send Nikki the web link to this</p> <p>Rhonda to send e-mail with all information</p>
4:20 pm	GB Events Pyramid Community Overview PPA Community Overview Flyer	RSVP/Recruitment Dinner will be served at the community overview	<p>PPA – sample flyers presented at meeting for feedback– will need to add something regarding the training for parents vs. the community overview</p> <p>Val is the project manager for PPA and Diane Jacobsen is the coach. Objective is to improve skills in the work force to reduce challenging behavior.</p> <p>Flyers will be sent to all early learning programs for distribution</p> <p>Flyers passed out at meeting for all to receive information</p>	<p>Sheryl to send flyer to Cara for tweaking and when completed will send to paper and schools when finalized</p> <p>Val to determine language for parent portion of flyer</p> <p>Sheryl to communicate with Gail with this program</p>



	<p>Co Children's Campaign Presentation 2011 KidsCount Oct 18, 2011 Invitation.pdf</p>	<p>Lunch will be served at this event</p>	<p>and please provide feedback Colorado kids in poverty, one of the highest rates in the country. We need advocates and collaborative efforts. Sign-up sheets were passed out for Board members and Friends of the Board to fill in and names of contacts for this presentation. Below are contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Amy Miller:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Fran Cookb. Bill Sandersc. Kathy Hully2. Gail VanBockern<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Brene Belew-LaDueb. Karen Hadley Dikec. Mountain Parks Electric3. Amy Kaplanis<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Jynifer Piero4. Rhonda Hill<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. James Chamberlin5. Taunia Shipman<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. MFCb. Bob Frankc. DSS including Glen Chambers6. Wendy Stefanski<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Megan Ledinb. Karen Godberryc. Jimmy Lahrman7. Sheryl Shushan<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Commissioner Stuartb. Commissioner Bumgarner <p>All that have agreed to make contacts have said that they will rsvp to the lunch – Please make sure that you actually call to RSVP to Liz Houston at</p>	<p>Sheryl to take lead on attendance and making contacts based upon the names given on sign-up sheets.</p>
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<p>4:30 pm</p>	<p>Annual Meeting and Board Development</p>	<p>2 year terms Meeting date set</p>	<p>liz@coloradokids.org or 303-620-4532.</p> <p>Will need to send the by-laws and updated job descriptions to BOD in order to increase term time to 2 years for Chairman and Treasurer.</p> <p>Sheryl has tried to recruit Francine to serve as Treasure – She would like to use as business opportunity</p> <p>Annual Meeting set for 12/6/2011 12:30p to 6:30pm will still need to discuss location</p> <p>We will invite the FOB at a certain time – decision will need to be made by BOD</p> <p>Executive session prior to meeting for Sheryl annual evaluation</p> <p>Suggested Agenda Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Strategic Plan • Update from Summit county • 1 year calendar with goals • Sub-committee’s • Children’s Fair • Recognition Event • Succession planning for BOD • Fundraising • Feb – Family Ho Down! • C collaborative fundraising with GCRHN <p>Biggest message is that we need to strategically build BOD/FOB to include some influential champions of early childhood.</p> <p>What is the succession plan for BOD and ED?</p>	<p>Nikki to send by-laws and job descriptions</p> <p>Sheryl to follow up with Francine</p> <p>BOD will need to make decision</p> <p>BOD will need to make decision</p> <p>BOD will need to make decision</p>
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<p>4:50 pm</p>	<p>Discussion with Bruce Atchison</p>		<p>Bruce made introductions with his bio Bruce Bio.pdf (will also be hard copy attached to these minutes)</p> <p>Passed out pie graph (will be added hard copy to these minutes) with all of the government agencies and community Partners for Colorado Early Learning Partnership.</p> <p>Discussion of third graders disability to read in Grand County is 26%. No matter the fault we need to do a better job educating our students. Studies show that reading begins with children prior to birth through age 8</p> <p>Three areas need improvement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Readiness 2. School Absences 3. Missed School Time <p>Discussed Early Literacy Policy Plan written by Joseph A. Garcia Lt. Governor of Colorado. Will begin with a Bus Tour (not in Grand County); create Public Awareness, Civic Engagement and Early Literacy Policy Plan.</p> <p>There are six pieces to this plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engage Families and Communities 2. Improve Early Childhood Program Quality in all 	



			<p>Settings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Strengthen the Early Childhood Workforce 4. Identify Barriers to Success Early 5. Increase access to Pre-Kindergarten Programs 6. Increase access to expanded learning opportunities <p>What is working:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grand Beginnings – Sheryl is real champion for early childhood in Grand County, will try to get County Commissioner and or senator to become part of Grand Beginnings. <p>What is not working:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reach Out and Read is working very well and is funded through other sources, but the federal government pulled all its funding to this program, so the organization has had to look elsewhere to get funding. Part of this program is educating parents in the importance of reading, not teaching parents to read, although we can help with illiteracy trainings. 2. Home Health Care – does not make newborn home visits, but Public Health does, there is no formal program like Nurse Family partnership 3. Communication with Bright Beginnings and Mountain Family Center 4. Tax initiative on ballot for voting 5. Sheryl to contact Katherine Ross to get involved with Grand Beginning. She knows that we are here and that we do good work, very little. Is willing to participate in GB would like to know how she can help. 6. Talk to State legislators and senators 	<p>Bruce would like to look into to see what he can do to help facilitate this</p> <p>Sheryl and Taunia will reach out to Mountain Family Center to help bridge gap</p> <p>Bruce to send information regard how to have a tax initiative added to a ballot</p> <p>Sheryl – Taunia to contact Katherine Ross for development Sheryl to work with Bruce regarding state govt.</p>
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6:00 pm	Adjourn		Meeting adjourned 6:18 pm	

**Grand Beginnings Board of Director Meeting are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Granby Library, 4:00pm to 6:00pm
The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 25, 2011**

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