

Kent CAN Minutes
September 21, 2016
1:00-3:00
Rogue Room

Roles and Responsibilities

Facilitator –Rebecca McIntyre

Note Taker –Joan Meyer

Transition Coordinator – Scott Bont

Website Coordinator – Lori Matthews

Kent CAN Coordinator – Jennifer Murchison

Assessment Tool Coordinator –Amy Bufka

Peer to Peer and Trainer/Coaches – Jen Amorose and Sarah Hammer

Evidence Based Practice: Jill Kreuze and Lindsey Nicholson

Our Mission - To build a comprehensive model for identification, training, shared resources, and effective practices which promotes collaboration and consistency between families, educators, and community partners in support of our students with ASD.

Our Philosophy Supports:

- Multi-disciplinary collaboration.
- Services that are individualized and utilize evidence-based interventions and strategies.
- Intervention driven by the student's present level and on-going assessment.
- Use of positive behavior support and proactive approaches to address challenging behaviors.
- Inclusion of families and community partners as critical team members.
- Continuous improvement of programs and services based on current data.
- Focusing on opportunities in integrated environments.

Calendar

Kent CAN Meeting Dates

**All meetings are held from 1:00-3:00 PM unless otherwise noted with optional lunch available prior to meetings.*

*** E-mail future agenda items to Jennifer Murchison (murchisonj@grps.k12.mi.us)*

Kent CAN Meetings for 2014-15 School Year (Please note that meeting type may vary)

October 19, 2016	ESC Coldwater Room
December 7, 2016	ESC Grand Room
January 25, 2017	ESC Coldwater Room (new January date)
February 15, 2016	ESC Coldwater Room
March 15, 2016	ESC Coldwater Room
May 24, 2016	ESC Coldwater Room

Additional START and Kent CAN Trainings and Conferences:

**Anyone wishing to attend a START training should contact Joan Meyer (joanmeyer@kentisd.org) for registration via Kent CAN*

November 7, 2016 START Fall RCN Meeting @ Crown Plaza Lansing West

Additional START information can be found at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/>

Follow Up Items

Activity	Who	Completed?
<p>Introduction of Members (New members and leadership changes). Twenty-four people in attendance, new people introduced and welcomed. The leadership team is now Jen Amorose, Scott Bont, Amy Bufka, Sarah Hammer, Jill Kreuze, Rebecca McIntyre, Jennifer Murchison and Lindsey Nicholson. Debbie Rock, Michigan Alliance for Families is the parent mentor. Debbie is employed with The Arc and her contact information is: (616) 459-3339 or debbie@arckentisd.org She gives parents information to help guide them through the special education programs. Can be done 1-on-1 or in a workshop setting. It is not just for families – want to be a resource for special education staff as well. BCBA – Heinemann talking – a good opportunity. Presentation will be recorded and can be disseminated. October 18th in Holland – West Shores Autism Groups – Skills for parent advocacy. Kent County people can get a \$10 gas card to attend. Anyone needing resources, please contact Debbie – she deals with all people not just parents! (The brochure she distributed at the meeting is attached).</p> <p>Summer happenings: Paulette Longwell (GRPS) went to the Autism Conference at Western Michigan University. She said it was excellent. Amy Matthews (GVSU) did a BCBA in Schools presentation that was excellent. Paulette also attended a 2-day workshop featuring Greg Henley, on school-based FBAs and working with evidence-based practices for severe behavior. Paulette will do a mini-book share for next meeting, October 19th. Scott Bont (Caledonia) went to a START LINKS presentation. START is looking to piloting an over-night day camp, this June in GVSU. If it is successful, then we could expand this to other RCNs. Scott is looking for appropriate activities and if you know of some – contact Scott. Perhaps using Project Unify funds – looking for more schools to be involved. Sarah Hammer (Byron Center) also applied for funds from Project Unify and it was easy and the funds very useful! Kelly Dunlap warned to make sure you follow the rules for using these funds. T</p>	<p>Jennifer Murchison</p> <p>Debbie Rock, MAF</p> <p>Kent CAN members</p>	

New Items

Activity	Follow-Up Needed	Who	Timeline
<p>START update and Passport project:</p> <p>The fall RCN Meeting will be November 7th (the topics are listed on their PowerPoint), a sheet was passed around for people to fill out if they are interest in attending. Rebecca McIntyre will attend and again will offer a ride to and from Crowne Plaza Lansing West. If you are interested in attending, contact Joan Meyer joanmeyer@kentisd.org 616-365-2299 and she will sign you up. Kelly presented their updated PowerPoint which is on their website and attached – check it out! They are now on social media, you find them on Twitter, Instagram, Hashtag and Facebook. If you want to contribute make sure you have permission and then send the pictures and information to their page. RCNs can talk among themselves START's Newsletter comes out every other month from START and it is a great resource. Communities of Practice with Maureen Ziegler are listed on their website. Anyone in Kent interested in attending their train the trainer on sexuality and ASD Students (October 25 and 26) please contact them. One slot is still open. This will be very intensive. They are wanting to use this group to also assist with writing some legislature about dealing with students with ASD and the law. There is also a slide on the top 10 characteristics of ASD that impact Literacy. Also working on creating an ASD impact on literacy checklist, which will assist with strategies for instruction. The 2016-17 START Intensive Training Sites are: Early Childhood, Jackson County; K-12 Gratiot-Isabella RESD and Building Your Future (BYF) here in Kent County. Locations have also been chosen for next year's intensive trainings and Kent will apply for a possible new early childhood intensive training in addition to the one held I Oakland County. START Spring conference (Integrated Supports through the Lifespan) is May 1st 2017 at the Kellogg Center. October 13 and 14 is a peer to peer training and registrations are now open. (Again contact Joan Meyer if you are interested). Contract worksheets were made available to be used to help people stay organized and remember who said they would do what. BYF discussion held. START's goals were reviewed: Goal 1 is Professional Development with Impact, Goal 2 – Coaching for the Implementation of IEPs and Goal 3</p>		Kelly Dunlap/ Kent CAN Members	

<p>Secondary Transition Target Students – V3 Discovery. Four volunteers are needed to target students for the new coaching checklist. Four volunteers are:</p> <p>(1)Rebecca Ryan (GRPS), (2)Jen Amorose (Caledonia), (3)Lindsey Nicholson (Forest Hills), (4)Thornapple Kellogg Team previously headed up by Tara Kozinski. Community Conversation-wanting one district interested in putting on a community conversation. A book by Eric Carter walks through a follow up of all of the rules of a conversation, etc. Check out the website below:</p> <p>http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/cedd/pdfs/products/community/LaunchingInclusiveEfforts.pdf</p> <p>Jen Amorose from Caledonia will host the Community Conversation and keep the committee apprised of how it goes. Stephene Diepstra (EGR) will check and see if their district could also host one.</p> <p>Kelly shared a Coaching Tool Kit binder. Kent CAN will borrow one from START and create demos for people to borrow and replicate to meet their needs.</p> <p>Project Unify – changed their name to Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools. Follow their paperwork carefully to use their funds.</p> <p>Goal 4 – Peer to Peer and a review of what we are already doing. Goal 5 Family and Community Engagement. RCNs are encouraged to reach out to Michigan Alliance for Families for a representative to serve as a contact about resources and information in schools. We already have a representative – Debbie Rock.</p> <p>Emily Curiel, Term Assistant Professor from Western Michigan University presented their new program offering Master's with behavior intervention specialist emphasis areas and an ASD endorsement. The two handouts are attached.</p> <p>PASSPORTS: Half were given last year. Some were turned in but numbers were not great. The rest of them were given to Kent CAN today. People are using the passports but it is still a work in progress. Please contact Rebecca McIntyre or Joan Meyer to obtain additional materials, once you have used your original allotment.</p>		<p>Emily Curiel</p> <p>Rebecca McIntyre/Jennifer Murchison/ Kent CAN members</p>	
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USAPT Team Member Rating Form to be filled out before next meeting. This can be found

Kindy presented the Bluebee Pals Pro Bluetooth stuffed animal. A stuffed bear that talks with a blue tooth speaker through an ipad. Wonderful new equipment to help student. Will be included in the AT lending library soon.

Kindy shared about using Google Chrome extensions read and write. Download for free but only for 30 days.

Presentation:

Kent CAN 2015-2016 Grant Goals, Meeting Topics, and Team Overviews:

- Sept: Family Engagement
- Oct: Data Collection: USAPT
- Dec: Community: Project Unify and Community Conversations
- Jan: Behavior is a Form of Communication
- Feb: Ed Benefit Review
- Mar: Peer to Peer Show and Share
- May: Evidence Based and Peer to Peer Presentations
- BYF – Host Site 2016-2017
- ASD Collaboration- Looking to create an edcamp style event
- Parent Night Committee

Plate – The RCN Leadership Traveling Plate Award. Each plate was painted by a Michigan artist with ASD and the plates were awarded to RCNs at Spring Leadership. Each RCN Member nominates a person who has gone above and beyond for the award and presents at the September and January RCN Meetings. The nominated person keeps the plate until the next nomination. We need to take a picture of the person with the plate and send it to START. The nominated person signs and dates the back of the plate for a record of who has received it. Nominated person may be showcased on social media and/or in START Connecting Newsletter. **Our winner this month is JILL KRUEZE** from Grandville. Jill did a wonderful presentation last year of Peer-2-Peer where there were games, interactions, food and a wonderful time. Jill also presented the committee members with forms she had developed – Jill is a perfect example of “above and Beyond” – congratulations Jill!

Kindy Segovia

Rebecca McIntyre

