

## Kent CAN Minutes

December 13, 2017

1:00-3:00

### Rogue Room

#### Roles and Responsibilities

Facilitator – Alissa Hofstee

Note Taker – Joan Meyer

Transition Coordinator – Scott Bont and Liz Ensing

Website Coordinator – Lori Matthews

Kent CAN Coordinator – Jennifer Murchison

Assessment Tool Coordinator - TBD

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 the meetings starting at 12:00 noon.*

*\*\*Email future agenda items to Jennifer Murchison ([murchisonj@grps.org](mailto:murchisonj@grps.org))*

- **January 17, 2018**      **ESC Rogue Room**
- **February 21, 2018**      **ESC Coldwater Room**
- **March 21, 2018**      **ESC Coldwater Room**
- **May 16, 2018**      **ESC Coldwater Room**

## Additional START and Kent CAN Trainings and Conferences:

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

- 17<sup>th</sup> Annual START Conference, April 30, 2018, Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing
- 2018 Spring RCN Leadership Day, May 1, 2018 Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, east Lansing

Additional START information can be found at the [Grand Valley website](http://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/): <http://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/>

## Follow Up Items

Introduction of members – 17 committee members present. Laura Callahan, OT is the new representative from Comstock Park. EPLI Trainer Day from START is coming – March 19, 2018 at the Kellogg Hotel in Lansing. A sign-up sheet was passed around for people to sign if they are interested in attending (need to have been involved in the EPLI trainings previously). START Conference – April 30, 2018. Limited funds built into the budget to send committee members to this conference. Another list was passed around for people to confirm if they still want to attend. (Committee members that were absent and had previously indicated they wanted to attend will be contacted.) We will contact and register the people who can attend, depending upon the budget. The RCN Day (May 1<sup>st</sup>) usually has 15 slots available and people can go to that as well (no cost for this day). Again, Rebecca McIntyre will be driving and a car pool is available if you so choose.

### Trainings and Program Updates

GET Supports for Autism Conference: Check out all the information from Rebecca McIntyre – it was a very successful day!

GET Supports After Party <http://bit.ly/GETFollowup>

GET Supports Slide Show <http://bit.ly/GETSlideshow>

- There was a very productive discussion about positive and negative comments received about the conference and seeing what could be done differently the next time.
  - PLCs could be held at the ISD level, in an afterschool format.
  - Perhaps an every other year conference with mini intensive training on the “off” year.
  - Posting the link for all of the conference handouts <http://bit.ly/17getconf>

Jennifer heard great feedback from the START representatives about the conference.

- START Fall RCN Leadership Day: Summary and Thoughts - Ten Kent CAN committee members were in attendance. Some of the good “take-aways” were:
  - Those with summer employment often had higher rates of future employment upon exiting school
  - Community conversations were also very productive, examples shared and resources provided
  - Eric Carter (keynote speaker from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN) provided great resources

It was a very informative training day.

## New Items

### START Update

- New email for Kelly Rogers (formerly Dunlap) [rogekell@gvsu.edu](mailto:rogekell@gvsu.edu)
- Baseline Data for K-12 and BYF Target Students due by October 30, 2017, please complete ASAP if involved in this project. Jennifer will contact Jana Benjamin (START) to see what has been completed for Kent CAN.
- Peer-to-Peer update at Kentwood Public Schools. Jen Amorose is working with Kentwood. They will have courses available for the 2018-19 school year. Kenowa Hills has a new program at the High School and Godwin Heights has one at their Middle School. LINKS programs are working very well at Caledonia Community Schools.
- Save the Date: EPLI START Trainer Day is March 19, 2018 at Kellogg Center in Lansing – registration via Joan Meyer

- 17<sup>th</sup> Annual START Conference will be held on April 30, 2018 at Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, Registration will open in December 2017

#### Kent CAN/Kent ISD Updates

- Committee Changes: Added Transition Coordinator and still looking for Assessment Tool Coordinator. January will organize and in February we will be sharing about assessment tools within our lending library in a round robin style. Need committee of people to help (select assessments at January meeting), probably will hold in an after-school format as well. ADOS Kit, building in refresher or training courses (we need qualified people to be using our kits). Looking for people to get trained for this position. ISD people could be trained but they do not evaluation students and so they would not be the best people to train. Also we are looking at ways for people to be trained **in the districts**.
- Review 2017-2018 Contract Goals and Target Students: Looking to complete BYF target student at Forest Hills (Liz Ensing), GRPS CTC, and Rockford. EBP IEP checklist to be completed by GRPS (Rebecca Ryan – baseline data will be done by Christmas) and Grandville MS. Peer to Peer to be initiated this year at East Kentwood HS and possibly Godwin MS and Kenowa HS. Community Conversation to be completed in the spring by Caledonia. USAPT completed this month at Lincoln Developmental Center.
- LEAP Conference (March 17, 2018). For parents with students with all disabilities. They are looking for Kent CAN to assist with a behavior presentation in the morning and in the afternoon as well. They want a strong Kent CAN presence (host table, behavior sessions) and we will be a sponsor of this conference. Kent CAN will purchase a family pack (4) of tickets to a sensory friendly presentation of the Lion King on July 21, 2018 being sponsored at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts in Lansing and will have gift for local sensory friendly movie showing as a door prize.
- State Autism Council Update: Rebecca is new to this council. It was created in 2012 and consists of 12 members under umbrella of Michigan Health and Human Resources. The committee is charged with reviewing the ASD State Plan and making sure it is being followed. Here is the presentation Rebecca shared.
  - Michigan Autism Council <http://bit.ly/MACUpdateDec>
  - Attached is the one page overview/information on this council. Amy Matthews is co-chair and Anthony Ianni represents the autism community. (Anthony was our keynote speaker at last year's ASD Conference).
- Looking Ahead: January ASD Assessments – sign up for assessment open discussion and use tips and also sign up for tools that you could present to the committee – we will share out in February.

#### Presentations:

- CETA Process- How to use it and working towards developing action items: Alissa Hofstee's presentation was very informative. Useful tool for those looking at addressing needs for improvement at a classroom level. Alissa's PowerPoint is attached and the CETA Google Doc format can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Uj5MDSpAMZfDE97ScuePZa80VsRqxuiPpa1bZAuCgw/edit?usp=sharing> The Planning Tool can be found at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-5a9zBKQQA0lbrwrfpj123iUH1OqMY0d0iAXfFoUGU0/edit?usp=sharing>
- Visual Supports - Make It / Take It: Kindy Segovia and Suzy Ruskusky – to present at a later committee meeting (February or March).
- Peer to Peer Fidelity Checklist Review: Scott Bont presented about his experience using the checklist. He was somewhat surprised at some of the outcomes and admitted it would be easiest to just not use it! However, it is a good tool and was very useful in the end. The Checklist is up on the START website and this will help with new programs as well as programs that have been up and running for years. <http://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/peer-to-peer-program-development-240.htm>
- Harbor Oaks Hospital has contacted some committee members and Jen Amorose will check into their program.

#### Show and Share

- Thanks everyone for all of your hard work! Together we are making a difference. Happy Holidays!!!