

## Kent CAN Minutes

September 20, 2017

1:00-3:00

Coldwater Room

### Roles and Responsibilities

Facilitator – Alissa Hofstee

Note Taker – Joan Meyer

Transition Coordinator – Scott Bont

Website Coordinator – Lori Matthews

Kent CAN Coordinator – Jennifer Murchison

Assessment Tool Coordinator -

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 (RSVP to [joanmeyer@kentisd.org](mailto:joanmeyer@kentisd.org) by the Friday before the upcoming meeting).*

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

- October 18, 2017      ESC Coldwater Room
- December 13, 2017    ESC Rogue Room
- 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.

- GET (General Education Teacher) Supports for Autism, Kent ISD, November 8, 2017
- 2017 Fall RCN Leadership Day, November 13, 2017, Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids Airport
- 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

Rebecca McIntyre - Introduction of members – 20 members present. The new Kent ISD staff (Paul Dymowski, Special Education Supervisor and Suzanna (Suzy) Ruskusky, AAC Coordinator) were introduced. There were other new committee members and everyone was welcomed to Kent CAN. (Jennifer Murchison got a call that her daughter had fallen at school and got a broken arm. Urgent Care sent her to the hospital for possible surgery for displaced bones. Thus, Jennifer was not in attendance).

Suzy gave a description of what her job entails. Paul spoke to his transition duties, quality transition planning for students and looking at current programs and how to improve the transition planning for students. Secondly, he will work with coordinating agencies – how they can best help students with transition. GRPS – had some changes in their transition programs (names and locations) and this will go to directors when it is completed and then be available to the committee.

## New Items

### Leadership START Plate Award

- The START Leadership Plate, award to committee members who have shown exceptional leadership in different roles, was presented this month to Jen Amorose from Caledonia. Jen has been a faithful member of the Kent CAN Committee for years and has been instrumental in starting a Peer-to-Peer group at East Kentwood High School, has led community activities, and has worked tirelessly in all other areas. Congratulations, Jen!

### START Update

- Kelly Rogers (formerly Dunlap) presented the new START information. <http://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/>. There have been lots of updates and improvement to this site. You can now access the newsletter (which goes out every two months) right from their home page.
- Passports - There will be a Passport challenge this year. The RCN with most entries will get the Passport Flag as a reward (as well as \$100 resource gift card). Another award will be for the most innovative way to use a Passport (same award given for this).
- All Intensive Training dates and sites are located on their webpage. Upload idea from their website as well. IT sites are listed on their website. The goal is still to have coaches build capacity with fidelity.
- April 30-2018 is the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual START Conference with Paula Kluth. Register as soon as it becomes available (December) because she is very popular and the conference should fill quickly. (A sign-up sheet was passed around for people interest in attending. Please email [joanmeyer@kentisd.org](mailto:joanmeyer@kentisd.org) if you would like to be added to the list). Depending upon the budget, there may be a drawing to see who can attend.
- March 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 is a new trainer update in Lansing. Exclusively for EPLI Level I trainers. For people who have gone through competency and have been approved. Kelly presented the PowerPoint with all information. START added lots of new trainings and these are listed and available on the website.
- Kelly presented lots of information on START, be sure and go to the website and peruse!

### Kent CAN/Kent ISD Updates

- Rebecca McIntyre was appointed to State Autism Council. This is a wonderful opportunity and we will be "in the know" of any changes or additions to the Council. Congratulations Rebecca!

- Committee Changes – Alissa passed out the current “sign in sheet” for this committee so that members could make any necessary changes. There have been staff changes that need to be reflected so we stay current. She also passed out the ASD programs at schools currently in Kent County. The committee updated the ASD program list and it will then be posted on our Kent CAN website.
- Review 2017-2018 Contract Goals – Alissa and Jennifer will meet to work on assigning people/programs to the different goals as this is due the end of October. For transition, we will need to identify three students for the Discovery Process and two for the Program Evaluations. And if for any reason, a student has been changed, please let Jana Benjamin ([benjamj1@gvsu.edu](mailto:benjamj1@gvsu.edu)) know as soon as possible. The lists must be kept accurate.
- GET Conference Updates – discussion was held about the upcoming GET Conference on November 8<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has an idea for a presentation or a presenter, please get this information to Rebecca McIntyre ([rebeccamcintyre@kentisd.org](mailto:rebeccamcintyre@kentisd.org)) or Alissa Hofstee ([alissahofstee@kentisd.org](mailto:alissahofstee@kentisd.org)) as soon as possible. If you are a presenter, please get your topic and description of the presentation to Joan Meyer right away. If you need a certain presentation time, please let Joan know that as well.

#### Presentations:

##### Community Resources

- MI Alliance for Families: Debbie Rock – presented the services offered (see attachment for their upcoming events, webinars on You Tube and “Rethinking Guardianship – Facilitating Life-Long Self Determination” with Dohn Hoyle, The Arc Michigan on November 7<sup>th</sup>). Television spots highlight ASD will be coming – watch for them!
- Network 180: Angie Watkins, Autism Coordinator presented. She had very good information that once again proves that students who are involved in the general education curriculum are more successful than those who do not.
- Electronic Monitoring will be placed on our agenda for October 18<sup>th</sup> as Laurie VanderPloeg was not able to get back to the ISD in time to present. This is a very important topic as monitoring devices on ASD students are now being written into IEPs.

#### Show and Share

- Wonderful Websites
- Marvelous Materials
- Resource Review - Coaching Tool Kits were handed out to each program in every district. This is a wonderful resource developed by START and Kent CAN took the initiative of having these printed for our committee members. If you were not in attendance yesterday, get with Joan Meyer at the next meeting.