

(ATTACHMENT 3) REPORT OF THE BOARD'S DELEGATE TO THE MPS HEAD START PROGRAM

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MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- (1) Twenty-six dental exams were completed on March 1, 2012, at eight Head Start schools.
- (2) The Mental Health, Disabilities and Social Services Manager participated in transition meetings at Penfield on March 1, 2012; at Curative on March 9, 2012; and at Easter Seals on March 20, 2012. The focus of the meetings was to share information regarding MPS Head Start with families transitioning children from Birth-to-Three programs into school settings.
- (3) Head Start staff conducted on-site recruitment/registrations at Maximus on March 2, 9, and 16, 2012, from 8:30 until 2:30.
- (4) The Education Managers and Interim Head Start Coordinator participated in a meeting on March 5, 2012, with the Program's T/TA, Joanna Parker, to discuss the progress of the Child Development Associate (CDA) trainings for educational assistants. The classroom portion of the CDA will conclude with one final class in April 2012.
- (5) The Mental Health, Disabilities and Social Services Manager, Family Partnership Associates Mukmya Grant and Elsy Villafuentes, and Policy Council Community Representative Annie Crockett participated on the interview panel for the school social work aide position on March 6, 7, 13, and 26, 2012.
- (6) Representatives from 12 of 25 MPS Head Start sites were represented at the March 10, 2012, policy council meeting. The represented sites were Carson, Congress, Forest Home, Hayes, Jackson, Kagel, Kilbourn, King, Longfellow, Lowell, Sherman, and West Side Academy.
- (7) The Head Start Nutrition Technician attended a food demonstration at the Frontier Center with MPS School Nutrition Services food managers on March 12, 2012.
- (8) The Head Start Staff participated in a webinar on March 13, 2012, titled "Parent, Family and Community Engagement and Family Goal Setting." The webinar focused on strategies to get families engaged in the program and to assist them in goal setting.
- (9) The Family Partnership Associates received training on the new Parent, Family and Community Engagement Framework and Family Goal Setting from Joanna Parker, Early Childhood Education Specialist/Manager-Wisconsin on Wednesday March 14, 2012.
- (10) Eighteen children received dental exams at Alba School on March 15, 2012.
- (11) The Mental Health, Disabilities and Social Services Manager and ERSEA Manager attended the McKinney Vento Roundtable on Serving Homeless Children and Youth on Monday, March 19, 2012.
- (12) The Interim ERSEA Manager and Education Manager spoke at a recruiting event at Maximus on March 21, 2012.
- (13) The Family Partnership Associate meeting was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. The focus of the meeting included federal review preparation, health compliance, family engagement, and monitoring of services.
- (14) A Dental Day was held on March 27, 2012, at Thurston Woods School.
- (15) Family Partnership Associates will participate in the monthly social work aide meeting on Friday, March 30, 2012.
- (16) The third part of the "Keeping Families Healthy" series began this month with March's topic being nutrition. The meetings took place at all 25 Head Start sites during the monthly parent meetings.

(17) The Mental Health, Disabilities and Social Services Manager conducted mental health observations in Head Start classrooms at Carson, Holmes, Keefe, King, Lowell, and Silver Spring to ensure that each classroom reflects a structured, nurturing, engaging, and emotionally healthful environment.

(18) Follow-up continued on referrals related to mental health and classroom-management concerns.

(19) Health and Safety Monitoring was completed in all Head Start classrooms.

(20) Family Partnership Associates conducted on-site registration of both new and returning students at the 25 Head Start sites for the 2012/2013 school year during the month of March.

(21) Head Start Education Managers compiled data for the Program's Child Outcomes Report. The data showed areas of strength and areas to strengthen in student achievement. Data from this report are compiled three times each year and used to determine program focus areas for professional development, resources, and support.

(22) Instructional staff have participated in professional development through the viewing of webcasts conducted by the Office of Head Start that focus on teaching math in early childhood classrooms, with a concentration on numbers and operations. Each instructional staff member viewed the webcasts and filled out professional development reflections.

(23) The Education Managers continued second-semester informal observations and classroom follow-ups to provide support to teaching teams.

(24) Recruitment flyers have been placed at the following WIC offices:

- MLK-Heritage Health Center WIC, 2555 North Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive;
- Wee Care Day Care, Inc, 3882 North Teutonia Avenue, 5825 West Capitol Drive, and 4630 W. North Avenue;
- Northwest Health Center, 7630 West Mill Road;
- Keenan WIC Project, 3200 N 36th Street;
- South Side Health Center, 1st Floor, 1639 S. 23rd Street;
- West Allis Health Dept., 7120 West National Ave, West Allis
- Aurora Health Care, Suite 207, 1218 West Kilbourn Avenue;
- Sixteenth Street Community Health Center, 1337 South Cesar Chavez Drive; and
- Seeds of Health, Inc., 1445 South 32nd Street.

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(25) There were 1013 students enrolled in the Milwaukee Public Schools Head Start Program as of March 20, 2012.

(26) There were 134 students with disabilities enrolled in the Head Start program as of March 20, 2012.

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