

**Kalamazoo Wraps**  
**Integrative Action Team Subcommittee Meeting Report**

**Subcommittee:** Training      **Date:** 11/10/08

<b>First Name Last Initial</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>First Name Last Initial</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Rebecca C.	KCMHSAS	Becca S.	Contractor
Gisela L.	Ask		
Carolyn S.	WMU		
Martha B.	Schoolcraft Schools		
Susan D. (formerly Susan C.)	F&CS		
Renee H.	KCMHSAS		

**If additional input was sought outside the meeting, please describe:**

**Topics Discussed:**

- I. Task List**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Conflict Resolution Skills Building Training**
- IV. Becoming an Advocate for Your Cause**
- V. Update on Toastmasters and Speakers Bureaus**
- VI. Children’s Mental Health Training 1/23/08**
- VII. Training Proposal**

**Conclusions Reached:**

The group reviewed and approved the 10/20/08 meeting minutes with minor changes.

1. The group review and updated the task list.
2. The group introduced themselves, as a new member joined the group.

Becca S., a contractor working as a part of the evaluation team introduced herself and discussed the local evaluation. Monthly reports are now available to the community and all involved in Kalamazoo Wraps. WMU created a website so that information could be posted more quickly. The web address is <http://www.wmich.edu/sociology/kzoowraps.html>. There is a link directly to this site from the kalamazoowraps.com evaluation pages.

Rebecca will add Becca to the Training Workgroup distribution list and Becca will attend the training workgroup meetings for the next few months.

The group briefly discussed the evaluation of training efforts, but the group decided to revisit this conversation after the first of the year.

3. Rebecca updated the group on the Conflict Resolution Skills Training that will be held on 12/2/08 at the Bronson Gilmore Center for Health Education. Rebecca and Gisela will plan the

menu. Gisela and ASK will be taking registrations for training participants and child care. Each workgroup member received a copy of the agenda. Martha and Susan volunteered to help staff the training.

4. Rebecca reported on a conversation with Michelle Corey from Michigan's Children. Michelle was familiar with Kalamazoo Wraps and stated that she would be more than happy to come to our community to conduct training. Michelle suggested that we consider an alternate format for the training, that would roughly look like the following:

- 5:30 – 6:30 Meet with local policy makers
- 6:30 – 7:00 Dinner
- 7:00 – 8:30 Training Conclusion

Rebecca will discuss this more with Michelle and ask for guidance on key individuals to invite and on the specifics involved in the training.

A tentative date for the training is Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is another night that PAG meets, and Gisela will present this to the members of PAG for approval.

5. Martha provided an update on Toastmasters. Martha spoke with Greg Jones from the local Toastmasters group. There are several local groups focusing on helping people gain skills to be public speakers. There is a curriculum with a focus on giving speeches. You must join a group in order to receive the curriculum. The cost to join a group is around \$125. However, Mr. Jones stated that he would be willing to conduct an abbreviated training for a group of at least 5 members. This would include one hour sessions for six weeks. The fee is nominal, around \$30.00 per person. Mr. Jones suggested that interested individuals attend a meeting to check out the group and consider joining. Martha will forward this information Gisela. Gisela will present this information to PAG.

Renee reported on talking with the Greater Kalamazoo United Way about the "Telling Your Story" training. Renee was referred to another individual who provides Dale Carnegie training. This training option was much more involved and cost over \$1,500. The time commitment was also much more significant. There was much less flexibility with this training option.

6. Rebecca reported that several members of the Children's Unit were asked to prepare and present training for the community on the topic of Children's Mental Health as part of WMU's School of Social Work Continuing Education Program. These trainings, although geared toward social workers receiving continuing education credits, are open to the public. Jim Jump, Bobbi Casey, Travis Wilcox, and two youth are slated to present. Becca offered to assist with identifying data from Kalamazoo Wraps that would be informative to present at this forum.
7. Lastly, Rebecca distributed a Training Proposal from Kristin Zimmerman. This request was generated from a training announcement Rebecca sent out several weeks ago announcing that Dr. Ross Greene, author of *The Explosive Child*, was in the Detroit-area for a training. The group was asked to review the training proposal and complete the Training Request Review Matrix. Rebecca will e-mail the matrix to workgroup members. Rebecca will also contact the sponsors of the training to determine the cost of this training.

Next meeting: Monday, December 8th

**Recommendation(s) to Management Team and Person(s) responsible:**

<b>Who</b>	<b>Task</b>	<b>By What Date</b>
All	Review evaluation website and posted reports	On-going
Rebecca C.	Add Becca to the distribution list	11/24/08
Rebecca and Gisela	Plan menu for 12/2/08 training	11/25/08
Rebecca C.	Follow up with Michelle Corey re: Becoming an Advocate for Your Cause Training	ASAP
Martha	Forward contact info for Greg Jones to Gisela	ASAP
Gisela	Present Becoming an Advocate for Your Cause information to PAG	ASAP
Gisela	Present Toastmaster information to PAG	Next Meeting
Rebecca C. and Becca	Meet to discuss evaluation of training efforts and data for 1/23/09 training on Children's Mental Health	11/20/08
All	Review 10/24/08 Training Request and provide completed matrix to Rebecca.	12/1/08

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**Submitted by:** Rebecca Clore

**Date:** 11/17/08

**Upon completion, forward this report to the Lead Evaluator and Technical Assistance Coordinator of the grant.**