

## **Ingham Great Start Collaborative**

### **Operations Committee Meeting Notes**

**Thursday, March 31, 2016 - 2:00 – 4:00 pm (April meeting)**

**Harley Franks Early Childhood Center, 2924 Newark Avenue, Lansing**

**Present:** Jessica Baker, Wendy Boyce, Fran Jozefowicz, Corrie Mervyn, Barb Monroe, Michelle Nicholson, Stephanie Thelen

1. The 3/31/16 Operations Committee Meeting Agenda and 3/31/16 Operations Committee Meeting Notes were approved as stated.
2. **Family Engagement Parent Cafes at Play and Learn Groups and at Baby Fair**  
Jessica, MC, and parents from the Local Leadership Group (LLG) recently hosted Parent Cafes at Play & Learn Groups. Two additional Parent Cafés are planned for the Baby Fair on April 16, with the hope of engaging families to become potential Parent Café table facilitators and members of the LLG. One parent may attend the upcoming “Strengthening Families Train the Trainer” training in April. Three Parent Cafes were captured on video, and Ingham ISD IT staff will be editing to create a short clip to be used in a variety of ways; including NFP graduation, Play & Learn Group facilitators, parents, and on the GSC website. The clip will increase understanding of what actually occurs at a Parent Café.
3. **Raising of America**
  - a. **Screening of Wounded Places and Panel Discussion on March 24** – Last week, WKAR hosted a screening of Wounded Places, an episode from the Raising of America (ROA) documentary series. There were approximately 70 people in attendance. Following the screening, Fran Jozefowicz, Marta Kermiet, Marla Saint Gilles (School Psychology Doctoral Program at MSU and part of the Children’s Trauma Assessment Center at WMU) were part of a panel of experts who helped us gain a better understanding of trauma at a state and local level. Several possible next steps in support of Early Childhood Development were shared with attendees (see attachment). A GSRP Early Childhood Specialist attended the event with a GSRP teacher, and commented how the episode impacted the teacher to reflect on student behaviors seen in her classroom.
  - b. **Signature Hour airing on March 29** – This ROA episode was shown locally on WKAR the evening of Tuesday, March 29, 2016. Videos of all ROA episodes are available through the GSC. Contact Michelle or Wendy for more information.
  - c. **MPTT Summit on Preschool Expulsion on April 5** – This event will be held at the Hannah Community Center with experts who will present strategies as alternatives to preschool expulsion, with the goal of narrowing this MPTT early childhood campaign issue. The early childhood campaign issue is linked with MPTT’s other campaign issue: mass incarceration and deportation.
4. **Kids Count Data 2016 Release**

A press conference regarding the [Kids Count Data 2016](#) was held on Monday, March 21, 2016, at Harley Franks. Speakers included Michelle Nicholson, Matt Gillard (Michigan’s Children), Gilda Jacobs (Michigan League for Public Policy), and Rachel Harmon (State level DHHS). The Data included new information—number of children in Early On and number of children in preschool—thus, Ingham ISD took the lead in arranging the press conference. The rates of abuse and neglect continue to rise, while birth rates have dropped, signifying a larger impact in the community. Children with substantiated cases of abuse and neglect are automatically referred to Early On; thus, making the case for the need for additional Early On funding.

The Aspen Institute’s “[Top Ten for 2Gen: Policies and Principles to Advance Two-Generation Efforts](#)” was shared, and direct links to early childhood and the work of the GSC were noted. This publication is tied to the Kids Count data (i.e., high number of children living in poverty, all parents in the household working, and the cost of child care); thus, supporting the need for a two-generation approach.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) has been reauthorized, and now includes funding for birth to kindergarten entry. The question is whether or not Michigan would receive any funding due to increased funding for GSRP over the past couple of years.
5. **Debrief on 3/9/16 GSC Meeting**
  - a. **Recap focus from Gaps and Quality Target Groups** – Members were asked their perspective on the process used for Target Group work during the March GSC Meeting. Those who attended the March GSC Meeting

expressed that people understood what they were doing and got on task faster. The school readiness definition emerged as the focus of the Quality Target Group; while the Gaps Target Group continues to work on defining a particular focus.

- b. Structure and Process for April meeting with Voice and Connections – same process as March?** – The consensus of members was to use the similar process of reviewing all Shared Agendas with the Voice and Connections Target Groups for the April GSC Meeting, **and** to include the School Readiness packet as it connects and aligns with activities from the Target Groups. This structure would allow for continuing to use a similar process, while moving the work of the Gaps and Quality Target Groups forward. Members posed adding the additional question: “What is on our Groups’ Action Agenda that connects with the school readiness definition?”

## 6. Plan 4/13/16 GSC Meeting Agenda

- Location – Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Blvd, Lansing (corner of Mt. Hope /Boston Blvd.)
- Inclusion activity?
- Norm of Collaboration – Presuming positive intentions
  - Next steps for 7 Norms – Possible suggestions: keeping poster displayed at meetings; asking GSC members to individually focus on a Norm during the meeting; creating a placemat with 7 Norms, as well as Working Agreements, 4 Outcomes, etc.
- Target Groups – Voice and Connections
- Possible Spotlights – Consider criteria – Opportunity, Winnable, Importance, Emotion, Power-building,
  - Information was shared about continued work on the CMH funding issue, the Spotlight at the March GSC Meeting. It was stressed that follow up on past Spotlights, including CMH funding, be shared at upcoming GSC meetings so that members see the impact of actions and advocacy. It was also stressed how important it for the public to stay current on issues so Bills are not passed “as is” during the Lame Duck session.
  - Lead Safe Homes has been confirmed as the Spotlight for April GSC Meeting. The 2Gen Approach was suggested as possible Spotlight for the May GSC Meeting.
- Timeliness, Funding
  - MBK
  - MLPP – 2Gen Approach
  - GSC Website
  - Great Start to Quality
  - FIMR
  - Parent Panel/Stories – possibly April – Month of the Young Child – respond to School Readiness Packet?
  - Raising of America
  - Inghampreschool.org Enrollment Survey
  - Other ideas
- Chair: Corrie Mervyn; Timekeeper: Barb Monroe

## 7. Updates

- May 18: [Walk A Mile In My Shoes](#) event to enhance public awareness regarding mental health.
- May 19: Tentative trauma training 3:30-5:30 for home visitors and 6:30-8:30 for childcare providers
- CACS Head Start took a team to the UCLA and Johnson & Johnson Advanced Health Institute for safety training in March. The safety training is now going to be provided to Head Start staff, childcare partners, and families.
- There are \$500 participation bonuses available for childcare providers who submit their self-assessment survey and have a published rating on Great Start to Quality.
- Ingham ISD staff will be presenting on Multi-Tiered Support Systems used in five GSRP classrooms at the National Training Institute conference in Florida in April.

### Review next meeting dates and times:

GSC meetings: 4/13/16 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church  
5/11/16 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church

Operations Committee meetings: 5/5/16 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Harley Franks  
6/2/16 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Harley Franks

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