

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

Operations Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, May 5, 2016 - 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Harley Franks Early Childhood Center, 2924 Newark Avenue, Lansing

Present: Effie Alofoje-Carr, Jessica Baker, Wendy Boyce, Fran Jozefowicz, Corrie Mervyn, Michelle Nicholson, Stephanie Thelen, Regina Traylor

1. The 5/5/16 Operations Committee Meeting Agenda and 3/31/16 Operations Committee Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

2. Family Engagement

- a. **Parent Cafés at Baby Fair** – The Greater Lansing Baby Fair, held April 16, 2016, at the Lansing Center was a success and well attended! Marketing for the event was more extensive this year, and a diverse group of vendors participated. Jessica Baker and MC Rothhorn attended the Baby Fair on behalf of the Family Coalition to host a culminating Parent Café from past participants of Play & Learn Group Parent Cafes. One family registered and attended, and survey regarding home visiting was collected.

Jessica Baker and Jaimie Kishkorn, a parent involved with the Local Leadership Group (LLG), attended a Strengthening Families Train the Trainer training on April 27, 2016, to learn more about facilitating Parent Cafes and the five protective factors. One of the goals of the Family Coalition is to continue to host Parent Cafes to engage additional families and prepare future Parent Café table facilitators.

- b. **Parent Café Video** – A video (created from footage taped at Play & Learn Groups) was shared with Operations members. The video, narrated by Jessica Baker, will be posted on the Ingham Great Start Collaborative website so families and other agencies can become more familiar with Parent Cafés. It was noted that Cafes look different depending upon the location, the group's structure, etc., and there is no "one way" to host a Parent Café.

3. 32p Updates

- a. **Mid-Year Report** – Wendy gave an overview of the 32p Mid-Year Report:

- Outcome 1 - WKAR event, "Wounded Places;" continue to have Regina (representing Infant Mortality Coalition) as part of the GSC. Other activities including Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR); Community Action Network (CAN); and the Breastfeeding awareness posters should be included in the 32p end-of-the-year report submitted November 2016.
- Outcome 2 – Focused on LLG; Family Coalition Parent Resource Guide; progress is in planning the perinatal mood disorders Wendy, Effie and Jamie will be working on; the Parent Resource Guide was recently shared with SPOM, and will be included in their MSU Activity Guide
- Outcome 3 – The goals, objectives, and planned activities were prepopulated, and are related to the School Readiness Advisory Committee; all 2,400 Childcare Aware booklets were distributed throughout the community; Jessica Baker, the GSC Parent Liaison, is participating in Policy Council and GSRP meetings; have conducted parent cafes at playgroups; the parent café video was shared at today's meeting; the Greater Lansing Baby Fair was held April 16; the School Readiness packet was developed; gave information regarding survey process; discussed community outreach events (Summerplace applications); 300 additional applications in system vs last year.
- Outcome 4 – Elmhurst has Lending Library materials and Story Stretchers for the Great Start to Quality Central Resource Center; completed GSRP training for teachers and some parents regarding how to use the reading tubs; GSRP teachers continue to check out the reading tubs, record, and share the data with Elmhurst; will discuss how to disseminate the School Readiness packet to the community.

The report on Early Childhood programming shows 35 families were served from October 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, through Great Parents/Great Start using the Parents As Teachers model.

When approved, the 32p Mid-Year Report will be posted to the Ingham Great Start Collaborative website.

- b. **Application for Additional Home Visiting Funds** – Through the 32p legislation, GSCs (through their local ISDs) have an opportunity to apply for additional home visiting funds in the amount of \$2.5M statewide through a

competitive process. Currently, Ingham GSC is in the process of completing Step 2 of four steps of the Home Visiting Needs Assessment Exploration and Planning Tool, due May 13, 2016. The Exploration Tool is similar to the one used for MIECHV funding. MPHI is providing technical assistance on completing the Tool. Step 1, regarding engaging home visit system partners and authentic parent engagement, was due April 21, 2016. Wendy and Michelle received feedback regarding Step 1 and participated in a webinar regarding training to complete Step 2 of the process. Step 2 includes Community Strengths and Assets, Community Risk Factors, and the Home Visiting Service System. Currently, an epidemiologist from the Ingham County Health Department is populating risk factors; the LLG reviewed and made additions to Strengths and Assets table, and supervisors of home visiting programs are completing the Home Visiting Service System inventory. Step 3 includes analyzing data and answering questions that will lead to the best home visiting model that fits the needs of our community; and thus be the presumptive model Ingham would then apply for additional funding. Fran reported Eaton County is also completing the Tool, and they do not currently have any home visiting programs. Funding will be allowed to be carried over to FY17, which may have a reduction in amount due to this carry over. This additional home visiting funding is anticipated in future years.

4. Legislative Opportunities

- a. MPTT – Day of Action – LARA and Early On** – The Michigan Power To Thrive (MPTT) Day of Action was held April 19, 2016. The Day began with participants discussing opportunities and barriers, from birth to adulthood, that lead to positive (pipeline to career) and negative (pipeline to prison) outcomes and how disparities play a role. The major of participants met with Sam Singh in his office at the Capitol. Two of the participants performed a powerful musical skit called “Blame the Boy.” The two “Asks” of Representative Singh were to convene a group to make recommendations on the Good Moral Character clause in Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA); and secondly, to support policy and investments for early childhood programs and services in the Third Grade Reading Bill, including state funding for Early On. A more specific “Ask” for the support of \$25,000 of the DHHS budget to match federal Medicaid dollars to study how to maximize federal Medicaid dollars for Early On. Day of Action participants also met with Senators Hertel, Hood, and Johnson in the Capitol Rotunda to request the same “Asks.” Senator Hood mentioned the importance of prenatal support. Action of Greater Lansing has been hosting Raising of America events throughout the Tri-County area. The Community of Christ Peace and Justice Conference in Charlotte included viewing “Wounded Places” and collecting 120 “Ask” postcards for senators and representatives.
- b. MAASE – Early On** – On April 20, 2016, Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education had a legislative day. Among several topics discussed with legislators was state funding for Early On and supporting funding in the MDHHS budget to fund a study on maximizing the use of Medicaid reimbursement for Early On.

Regina reported on the [Get Real About Breastfeeding](#) campaign that kicked off April 11, 2016. The campaign celebrates the positives of breastfeeding and includes posters, postcards, a traveling gallery, and billboards seen throughout the community. There are plans for breastfeeding advertisements to be shown in area movie theaters, and a newspaper in Germany would like to feature a story about the campaign.

5. Debrief on 4/13/16 GSC Meeting

- a. Recap Focus from Voice and Connections Target Groups** – Effie reported the Connections Target Group focused their discussion around intentional goals—specifically targeting outreach to neighborhoods that need “a little more love.” Corrie reported the Voice Target Group focused primarily on the School Readiness Packet. It was noted as a possible barrier that the packets are only written in English. The question remains how to disseminate packets to the community.

Wendy reported Thais, from the Capital Area District Library, would like meet to further discuss the Early Learning Calendar, which will be added as an agenda item to the School Readiness Advisory Committee Meeting. Effie shared a suggestion to hold a Parent Café at the Library during the summer months.

Corrie mentioned how helpful it has been to check in with other Target Groups over the past two months to see what other Groups are doing; however, this method may not be possible at every GSC meeting.

- b. Target Group Meeting in Different Spaces** – Attendees reported benefits to meeting in separate rooms for Target Group work. A suggestion was made to have one Target Group stay in the Fellowship Hall during work

time, while the other Target Group meet in the parlor. A second suggestion was to utilize the divider in the Fellowship Hall during Target Group work time.

- c. Structure and Process for May Meeting** – It was suggested the Spotlight be featured at the beginning of the meeting (after introductions and inclusion activity) rather than at the end of the meeting. This would allow for a connection between the Spotlight and Target Group work; help Target Groups to make a deeper connection with other services in the community; and formulate next steps for activities. Kids Count Project Director, Alicia Weaver, is the scheduled Spotlight for the May GSC Meeting, and will share information on Kids Count and the 2 Gen Approach.

Suggested Target Group Questions:

1. Thinking about the 2-Gen Approach, what is the alignment with your Target Group's activities?
 - Quality Group – is there a compelling “why” that could be part of the Early Learning calendar?
 - As we message something to the physicians, could we say/do something that relates?
 - It would fit with the LLG and survey results where people haven't heard about the 2 Gen Approach
2. How does this inform our current action steps?
 - Should not make the assumptions this information should only be given to high-risk families.
3. What will be the next steps?
4. Which progress measure will you take action on before the next meeting?

6. Plan 5/11/16 GSC Meeting Agenda

- Location – Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Blvd, Lansing (corner of Mt. Hope /Boston Blvd.)
- Inclusion activity?
 - Complete a sentence stem – sentence could be structured around school readiness, etc.
 - **The bridge** – think of a goal and list helps and hindrances to accomplish the goal, focusing on process vs content.
 - Like me – stand if the title named describes you, e.g. parent
 - Sound track of your life – what would the song be?
- Target Groups – Gaps and Quality- What are guiding questions for Target Group Work? (see above in #5)
- Spotlight – 2 Gen Approach/Kids Count Data presented by MLPP
- Chair: Jessica Baker Timekeeper: Corrie Mervyn

7. Responsibilities

- GSC business: 32p Home Visit Expansion funding, GPGS position update, LLG funding
- LLG received confirmation of a 4th year contract; therefore, the LLG will continue. Confirmation of funding level is forthcoming.

7. Updates

- The RFP for GSRP community-based organizations was released. The Haslett Child Development Center submitted an RFP, and will be part of the competitive process for GSRP slots. Programs will be ranked according to the competitive process, and slots will be allocated near the end of May.
- The Michigan Health Fund Endowment Grant Application is available and identifies eight different domains to focus—one of which is infant mortality. Infant Mortality Coalition is applying for funding. The application is due on May 16, 2016, with a funding range of \$25,000 - \$1,000,000.
- The next GSC Orientation is tentatively scheduled for July in place of a GSC meeting. It was suggested a “save the date” notice be created. Could possibly use the Head Start training room at Harley Franks?
- MC and Wendy presented the School Readiness packet to Coalition for College and Career Readiness (C3R) at LCC. The process and data from GSC system scans was shared, followed by good discussion regarding alignment of school readiness with C3R. There was discussion regarding how GSC and early childhood could continue to be part of the C3R. One possibility is to be involved with the Student Transition Action Team (transition from high school to college). Robin Pizzo was also in attendance and shared information about CCAMPIS and the 2 Gen Approach.

Review next meeting dates and times:

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

6/8/16 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church

7/13/16 – Possible GSC Orientation

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

7/7/16 from 2:00– 4:00 pm at Harley Franks – Is there a need for Op Comm meeting if no July GSC meeting?

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