

Ingham Great Start Collaborative Operations Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 1, 2015 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Harley Franks Early Childhood Center, 2924 Newark Ave., Lansing, MI

Present: Jessica Baker, Wendy Boyce, Fran Jozefowicz, Laurie Linscott, Lucy McClintic, Corrie Mervyn, Michelle Nicholson, MC Rothhorn, Stephanie Thelen

1. Approve 10/1/15 Meeting Agenda and 9/3/15 Operations Committee Meeting Notes

Going forward, the Agenda will be imbedded within the emailed meeting notice, rather than sent as an attachment. An update to the School Readiness Committee was added to the Agenda. The 9/3/15 meeting notes were approved as stated.

2. Michigan Power to Thrive update

At the 8/21/15 gathering, the Michigan Power to Thrive (MPTT) chose two issues to focus on for the upcoming campaign, one being Mass Incarceration and Deportation, and the other being Early Childhood. Over the past several weeks, one-on-one meetings have taken place for the purpose of gathering additional information to help narrow the focus of the issues. The plan is to announce the “campaign issues” at the 11/15/15 WeROC Public Meeting in Ypsilanti.

There was a great deal of energy around the Kindergarten-Entry Assessment (KEA) at the 9/30/15 MPTT Early Childhood work meeting. Currently, there is no satisfactory source of data to measure how children are doing--no indicators are included in the Governor’s Dashboard for school readiness. The KEA pilot programs are using TS Gold in a checklist form, however, the state has not yet confirmed TS Gold use for full implementation. The KEA is mandated to be fully implemented by fall 2016; however, the question remains how will the mandate be supported? The potential “Ask” from MPTT could be for investment in KEA funding.

Besides KEA, the other possible issue focus at the 9/30/15 MPTT Early Childhood work meeting was to propose an early childhood millage in each of the eight MPTT counties. Kent County is currently “campaigning” for an early childhood millage, whereby funds would be shared with early childhood providers to support existing services. Kent has offered to share the draft of their millage language.

The next MPTT meeting will be held on 10/21/15 at Cristo Rey for those who would like to participate. A question is how does the issue MPTT chooses to focus on align with the "Ask" from Raising of America screenings in the eight counties. The ROA Signature Hour will be made available to public television stations beginning in November. Members of the faith-based community (i.e., Islamic Center, Cristo Rey, Missionary Union Baptist church) are also planning to have screenings and dialogue in the upcoming months.

3. Levels of Family Engagement

Parents Partnering for Change was held 9/24 - 9/25/15. Twenty people attended, 6-8 from Ingham County. Jessica Baker attended this training, which focused on holding effective meetings, communication styles, people skills, how to share stories, etc. MC Rothhorn previously attended the training, and his take away was more about a campaign and political action.

A proposed list of “Levels of Family Engagement,” which includes various activities (and levels) for parent participation, was shared with Operations. Members were asked to discuss concrete examples of how their agency engages families at each of these levels. The varying levels of engagement allow for more parent involvement. The list will be revised to include these examples, with the goal of using this list with families when speaking about family engagement. MC and Jessica shared how they became "engaged" (not with each other!!!) and stressed the importance of personal relationships and an actual invitation that prompted them to become involved.

The LLG distributed surveys regarding home visiting at the July Men Making a Difference and Stepping Up Together picnics. Survey questions revolved around home visiting, the quality, the benefits, and service(s) provided. Data from the surveys is being compiled to be shared at future meetings.

Recently, a networking meeting was held for programs and services that support fathers. Attendees included representatives from Head Start, Strong Start Healthy Start, Stepping Up Together, and Ingham Family Coalition. Discussion will continue on how to engage fathers.

4. **Criteria and process for selecting Spotlights for GSC meetings**

At previous GSC meetings, members expressed support to continue spotlights at GSC meetings. Operations discussed which of the following criteria could be used for selecting spotlights:

Michigan Power to Thrive - Issue Cutting Criteria

- Opportunity – present in public mind?
- Winnable – good chance to achieve?
- Important – significant impact?
- Emotion – touch hearts?
- Power-building – set the stage for more wins?
- Timeliness – short amount of time?
- Money – funding sources?

Operations agreed Spotlights should be based upon importance, how many people (GSC members/organizations) are touched, timeliness, and/or the impact of the spotlight.

5. **Plan 10/14/15 GSC Agenda**

- Location – Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing (corner of Mt. Hope and Boston Blvd.)
- Review notes from Target Groups from September GSC meeting
- Inclusion activity? - TBD
- Norm of Collaboration - Pausing
- Target Groups - Quality and Gaps
- Possible Spotlights
 - Great Start to Quality materials
 - GSC Website -Wendy has emailed Workgroup leaders regarding their "page" on the GSC Website. Work needs to be done on the website before a hard launch as a spotlight.
 - Immunization presentation - with ICHD and Network for Healthy Kids, possibly in November
 - MBK - Not discussed
 - FIMR - No data yet. Could discuss updates during GSC meetings.
 - Preschool wait lists were discussed as a spotlight with significant impact.
 - LLG Outreach Plan and Home Visit Continuum was proposed for October GSC Meeting, with possibly using the frame “educate, engage, empower” from Parents Partnering for Change training.
- Chair: Corrie; Timekeeper: MC

6. **Updates**

School Readiness Advisory Committee (SRAC) is scheduled for 1/12/16, at 4 p.m., location may be in Dansville. Discussion included how to recruit Lansing preschool and kindergarten teachers. Michelle will follow up with the Lansing School District Kindergarten Steering Committee to inquire if representation from SRAC can attend their meetings.

Review next meeting dates and times:

GSC meetings: 10/14/15 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church

November meeting date TBD – **11/18/15 (all supervisors meeting at ICHD)**

Operations Committee meetings: 11/5/15 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Harley Franks

12/3/15 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at Harley Franks

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