

## **SCHOOL READINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes – May 18, 2017**

**4:00 – 6:00 pm**

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### **I. Introductions/Approval of Feb. minutes**

Members present: Adrienne Watkins, Jamie Yeomans, Corrie Mervyn, Laurie Linscott, Kim Fiebertz, Wendy Boyce, Gloria Sabourin, Thais Rosseau, Michelle Nicholson, Lucy McClintic

February minutes approved

### **II. Ingham SRAC Calendar Update**

#### **a. Tier 2 and 3 distribution**

Follow-up will occur in the fall

#### **b. Community feedback from Family and Child Charities**

Jen will follow-up

#### **c. Pilot Cedar Street Pediatrics at 1-year check (100 free)**

Cedar Street Pediatrics – Medical Social Worker will pass out calendars to families at 15 month well child visits. She will check in with families at 2-year visits to get feedback on the calendars. Thais will request that two questions be asked at the follow-up: Do you have the calendar? Have you tried any of the activities from the calendar?

Thais will follow-up in one month to see how many more calendars will be needed.

#### **d. Talking points – Agencies following guidelines**

All agencies have been given the talking points when the calendars were distributed.

#### **e. Plan for revisions**

Thais has a list of previously suggested revisions.

Other suggestions: Nursery rhymes from other cultures, refresh pictures and nursery rhymes. May have more suggestions following the Trusted Advisors Grant meeting.

### **III. Kindergarten Readiness Packet- Use at Kindergarten Round-Ups**

Packets have been distributed through Lansing and Okemos GSRP, East Lansing received no packet, Williamston is encouraging DK.

Suggestions to help ensure distribution next year:

Bring in school representatives to SRAC before Roundup

Suggest that explanations of activities/skills are detailed at round-up

Distribute packets at preschool home visits

Barb Monroe at OYC will send out calendars to local preschools  
Handout calendar and packets in the fall – possibly at conferences

#### **IV. Joint Preschool Application- 2017 Recruitment and Outreach Plan**

This year the application/enrollment process was done at the same time. Families completed the application online and then were assisted by a staff member to complete the enrollment process. 26 families were enrolled at Summer Place with the support of cultural brokers. The Summer Place Manager suggested that the application/enrollment process occurs at other apartment complexes in the area. The cultural broker suggested that other events be planned for families to help with recruitment.

Neighborhood Learning Circles are a group that provides social and informational gatherings that offer training and collaboration for families.

Outreach occurred at many different events: Ingham ISD, Baby Fair, Home visits, Early On, Juneteenth Celebration.

3000 applications are in the system. Enrollment is down 300 from 1700 at this time last year.

Digital Outreach Advertising featuring the Capital Area Community Services logo will pop up on social media pages. Will occur the last week in May/first week in June. May collaborate next time with other districts and counties. Cost: \$1000

The joint application process of communicating has increased each year and the tracking data has been helpful.

Outreach: Information about updating applications is being sent out to families.

##### **a. Governor updates for over-income families**

GSRP – Every child's federal income level will be entered into a system to aid in identifying the need for additional food services.

#### **V. GSRP Responsibilities (Update)**

No update

#### **VI. Trusted Advisors Grant**

Trusted Advisors Grants, funded with Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant funds, is to improve linkages to families with children birth to age 5 most difficult to engage in early learning and development programs and related community supports by disseminating culturally and linguistically appropriate materials and information about the importance of early childhood learning and development.

The calendar will be translated into Spanish and Arabic.

Discussion regarding: How will the content change with translation? Could we add an extra page for their alphabet? Should we have two languages on one page?

Cultural brokers from Lansing School District will be hired with grant funds. Michelle will ask for their recommendations regarding translation.

**VII. Review GSC website**

Tabled for next meeting

**VIII. Closing: Next meeting will be scheduled for Fall 2017.**

We will prepare questions to be answered by parents and Kindergarten Teachers. Hearing from both perspectives their thoughts regarding school readiness and Kindergarten Round-up.

**2017/2018 meeting dates:**

Thursday, September 28, 2017, **4:00 – 6:00 pm**

Thursday, November 30, 2017, **4:00 – 6:00 pm**

Thursday, February 22, 2018, **4:00 – 6:00 pm**

Thursday, May 24, 2018, **4:00 – 6:00 pm**

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