

# ***Ingham Great Start Collaborative Operations Committee Notes***

01/10/19

**ATTENDEES:** Effie Alofoje-Carr, Jessica Baker, Wendy Boyce, Fran Jozefowicz, Laurie Linscott, Corrie Mervyn, Michelle Nicholson, Stephanie Thelen

- I. The 01/10/19 Operations Committee Meeting Agenda and 12/14/18 Operations Committee Meeting Notes were approved with one change—Corrie Mervyn’s name was inadvertently omitted from the December Operations meeting notes.

## **II. Inclusion Activity – Parent Café Question**

Today’s Parent Café question focused on Knowledge of parenting and child development. *“What are some ways your family hopes to stay healthy this year? What are your goals for the year?”* Members shared as follows:

- My husband and I hope to get more sleep this year.
- Get off the “Elf” diet and eat “grow food.”
- Journaling, and getting more organized
- I registered for Playmakers’ tri team; possibly do a biathlon.
- I registered for tai chi and may try rock climbing.

## **III. Family Engagement**

- a) **Parent Cafés** – There are currently no Parent Cafés scheduled for January. Jessica will contact Macaroni Kid regarding a Parent Café feature article and to see if Café dates can be added to the site. Topics for Parent Cafés this year will include Literacy.
- b) **Family Coalition** – The next meeting is schedule for 1/24/19, and the group of 10-12 license-exempt providers (caregivers—most of which are grandparents) are invited with the possible topic of goal setting for the new year. It was suggested inviting these license-exempt providers to the January GSC meeting—specifically because of the Kinship Care Spotlight.

- IV. **CAUW Collaborative Funding Grant** – Ingham GSC plans to apply for the grant with an estimated amount of \$280,000. Potential grant partners would be WKAR, South Lansing Ministries, the Islamic Society of Greater Lansing, and Refugee Development Center. The focus of this grant will be literacy, with a

proposed name of “Engaging Families in Early Literacy (EFEL).” The notice of intent to apply is due January 22, 2019, and if invited to submit an application, the deadline is March, 18, 2019. Award notifications are expected on May 31, 2019, with fund dispersal beginning in mid-July.

- V. GSC Evaluation Advisory Committee/Report** – Fran attended the wrap-up meeting and explained reporting information is being compiled at this time and is expected to be distributed by the end of January, 2019.

**VI. Plan 1/23/19 GSC Meeting Agenda**

- a) **Inclusion Activity** – Jessica will provide a Parent Café Question.
- b) **GSFC Update** – Jessica will report.
- c) **Spotlight** – Panel Presentation by Passionique Pressberry, MSU Kinship Care; Francine Watts, Kinship Care; Joe Kozakiewicz, Chance at Childhood may be contacted about presenting. Questions will be provided in advance:
  - (i) What changes, if any, have they noticed in who is providing kinship care?
  - (ii) What are kinship care provider needs? What issues might these providers face? (i.e. PPO/safety; financial support)
  - (iii) What is the best way to connect with kinship care providers not currently connected? What is the best way to distribute information regarding resources?
  - (iv) What mental health resources are available to the family?

**Future Spotlights** – School Readiness Advisory Committee; WKAR Interstitials; Mid-Michigan Trauma Collaborative/Handle with Care; MI Kindergarten Entry Observation (MKEO) (March); Outcome 1 Pregnancy Survey (April)

- d) **Outcome Group Questions**
  - (i) How does the Spotlight align with Outcome Group Activities?
  - (ii) Review progress since December GSC meeting.
  - (iii) Next steps between now and the February GSC meeting.

- (iv) Following share-out, what would the Outcome groups' next step be? (Discuss at next Operations Committee.)
- e) **Facilitation of Outcome Groups**
  - (i) Outcome 1 – Jessica
  - (ii) Outcome 2 – Lucy
  - (iii) Outcome 3 – Wendy and Effie
  - (iv) Outcome 4 – Laurie
- f) **Evaluation and Updates** - Chair: Laurie Linscott  
Timekeeper: Effie Alofoje-Carr

## VII. Operations Committee Updates

- a) WKAR Interstitials on how to use the *Ingham Early Learning Calendar* and *Ingham Family Literacy Calendars for K-1* were shared with members.
- b) Ingham ISD received notification from the Department of Education that Michigan was awarded the Preschool Development Grant funds in the amount of approximately \$5M.
- c) Grant application to support the work of Great Start Collaboratives and Great Start to Quality has been announced.
- d) Community Mental Health has shifted home-based services to include age 7 and under. The first assessment must be done at CMH, while subsequent services can be done in the home. CMH is working with staff to enhance their skills to serve younger-aged children.
- e) Efforts are being made to invite Coye Bouyer, pastor of Kingdom Life Church to be part of the GSC and LLG.

## VIII. Future Meetings – All meetings will be held at Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services, [6520 Mercantile Way](#), Suites 1 & 2, Lansing, MI.

- a) **GSC Meetings**
  - (i) 01/23/19, 1:00-3:30 p.m.
  - (ii) 02/20/19, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

b) **Operations Meetings**

(i) 02/14/19, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

(ii) 03/14/19, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

**IX. Adjourn**

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