

Ingham Great Start Collaborative Operations Committee Notes

02/14/19

ATTENDEES: Effie Alofoje-Carr, Jessica Baker, Wendy Boyce, Corrie Mervyn, Barb Monroe, Michelle Nicholson, Stephanie Thelen

- I. The 02/14/19 Operations Committee Meeting Agenda and 01/10/19 Operations Committee Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

II. Inclusion Activity – Parent Café Question

Today's Parent Café question was *"What resources in your community have supported you in your role as a parent, caregiver, or in your organization?"*

Members shared as follows:

- Parks and Recs programs, including summer/before/after school care.
- Libraries for books, summer reading programs, playtime, to help teachers with research, etc.
- Impression 5
- YMCAs for helping to shape youth
- The Grand Haven Chamber hosts various free, family-friendly events throughout the year.
- ISD has offered classes for kids at MSU and LCC.
- MOP's group and Shared Pregnancy has made such an important difference.
- The faith community offers support for entire family

III. Family Engagement

- a) **Parent Cafés** – Planning for a March Parent Café is underway, and the topic may be Kindergarten Round Up. Flyers will be available soon.
- b) **Family Coalition** – The January meeting was well attended. (Attendance has increased with a good mix of Lansing and East Lansing families—including two fathers.) Families shared stories, were connected to resources, and had questions about preschool and kindergarten. Families are encouraged to RSVP, in advance, to use childcare offered through the Family Growth Center. A suggestion was made to partner with the YMCA or Lansing Parks to offer activities for older children in attendance. There are two meetings scheduled for March—3/7/19 and 3/28/19.

IV. CAUW Collaborative Funding Grant – Ingham GSC received an invitation to move forward with the full application. Our focus is literacy (“Engaging Families in Early Literacy” or EFEL.) Ingham GSC grant partners will be WKAR, South Lansing Ministries, the Islamic Society of Greater Lansing, and Refugee Development Center. Five additional Collaboratives, with twenty-two partner organizations, were also invited to apply. The Application deadline is March, 18, 2019; award notifications are expected on May 31, 2019, with fund dispersal beginning in mid-July.

V. Early Childhood Support Network (ECSN) Grant – The Office of Great Start recently restructured Michigan into four regions to create Early Childhood Support Networks—UP & Northern Lower Peninsula, Eastern, Southeastern, and Western, with the opportunity for regional entities to apply for the lead role in the region. The restructuring will allow for the ability to meet regional needs. Ingham County is included in the *Eastern Region* of this new structure. Ingham ISD will partner with CCRESA Office of Innovative Projects to apply as the lead for this multi-year grant. Ingham ISD would function as the lead fiduciary to monitor contracts for the Eastern Region, while CCRESA will oversee the training and technical assistance role.

A project director will be hired; and a steering committee and advisory board will be created to support the work and provide guidance for the Eastern region. The application deadline is 2/22/19, with grants awarded by 5/17/19, and grant implementation will begin on 7/1/19.

VI. Plan 02/20/19 GSC Meeting Agenda

- a) **Inclusion Activity and Family Coalition Update** – Jessica will provide a Parent Café Question.
- b) **Spotlight** – Outcome 2 Kinship Care Panel Presentation (Joe Kozakiewicz, Michele Brock, Francine Watts); and Ask: Social/Emotional Poster distribution plan
 - (i) Barb Monroe will invite providers to attend. Those needing childcare should contact the Family Growth Center in advance.
- c) **Outcome Group Questions:**
 - (i) How does the Spotlight align with Outcome Group Activities?
 - (ii) Review progress since the 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?
- d) **Facilitation of Outcome Groups**
 - (i) Outcome 1 – Jessica
 - (ii) Outcome 2 – Lucy, Michelle
 - (iii) Outcome 3 – Wendy and Effie
 - (iv) Outcome 4 – Corrie
- e) **Evaluation and GSC Meeting Updates** – A draft of some of the WKAR Interstitials will be shown at the February GSC meeting.
- f) Chair: Corrie Mervyn Timekeeper: Barb Monroe

VII. Operations Committee Updates

- a) **ABLE Change** – An article featuring how Ingham GSC has used the ABLe Change framework will be featured in the “*Foundation Review*” journal This Spring.
- b) **Kinship Care, Free Forum** – [“Parenting from the Heart/Grandfamilies Support Group”](#) on 3/7/19, 6:30–8:00 p.m., Dearborn, 734-785-7705 x7035.
- c) **Outreach Events** – WKAR PBS Kids Day (1/26/19) reported over 800 people in attendance. GSC and Ingham ISD staff participated. The Lansing School District Showcase (2/10/19) was well attended. GSC, GSPC, and Head Start staff participated.

[2019 Early Literacy Celebration](#) – Sponsored by the Early Childhood Literacy Coalition, 3/17/19, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at the Hannah Community Center. Read By Grade 3 materials will be shared.

[2019 Lansing Baby Fair](#) - Scheduled for 4/14/19, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Lansing Center.
- d) **Calendar App** – Ingham GSC and Ingham ISD staff met with Red Cedar Solutions Group to discuss the possibility of contracting with them to develop an app for the Ingham Early Learning Calendar and the Family Literacy Calendar for K-1.

- e) **Central Resource Center** (Contact [Barb Monroe](#) for questions or more information.)
- Barb Monroe is presenting information on Core Knowledge, Core Competencies, and professionalism to a class at CMU.
 - Central Resource Center has been working with providers to become “re-rated” in the star rating system—as opposed to dropping out of the system.
 - On April 9, CRC, Mi Registry, LCC, and T.E.A.C.H. will partner to provide a learning lab for providers and students to participate in Mi Registry, which will take place in the LCC computer lab.
 - Planning is taking place to host an infant/toddler conference at CMU with potential May 18 date.
 - CRC continues to try to find ways to celebrate and recognize the providers who are participating in Great Start to Quality (Outcome 3 in Gratiot is working on this.)

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) 02/20/19, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

b) **Operations Meetings**

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

IX. Adjourn

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