

Ingham Great Start Collaborative Operations Committee Notes

05/02/19

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

- I. The 05/02/19 Operations Committee meeting agenda and the 04/11/19 Operations Committee meeting notes were approved as stated.

II. Inclusion Activity – Parent Café Question

Due to time constraints, there was no Parent Café Question.

III. Family Engagement

- a) **Family Coalition (FC)** – Meetings have been well attended, and include returning families, and a family from the license-exempt group. The next [FC meeting](#) is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the [Family Growth Center](#). The topic for May is social-emotional health, and discussion will include summer resources, camps, and safety tips. RSVP in advance for childcare (517.899.4754). There will be no FC meetings for the months of June and July; however, additional Parent Cafés are being planned, including one at Donnelly.
- b) **Parent Panel** – This event took place on May 1, 2019 at EC Services. Both parents and home visitors were part of the panel, with parents sharing personal stories about the challenges of becoming comfortable with their home visitors, relationships they built over time, the support they received and the parent tips they learned. The Third Annual Parent Panel is scheduled for May 6, 2020.
- c) **Kinship Care Support Group** – Jessica plans to attend the May support group, and will discuss resources including the [Parent Resource Guide](#), the [Family Learning Connection](#), the social-emotional flyer, etc.

Lucy shared there was an AARP hosted/sponsored event at Elmhurst in April. The target audience was non-English speaking parents and grandparents. It was suggested inviting AARP to GSC meetings.

Lucy reported Yolanda Arellano continues to threaten retirement—but will never actually follow through with it! ☺ ☺ ☺

IV. Plan 05/08/19 GSC Meeting Agenda

- a) **Inclusion Activity** – The activity will be a “Fran Celebration” in honor of Fran Jozefowicz’s upcoming retirement.
- b) **Family Coalition Update**
- c) **Spotlight** – CADL South Branch Head Librarian, Melissa Cole, will discuss services and summer opportunities.

Future Spotlights – Chance at Childhood, Volunteer Advocates Program

- d) **Outcome Group Possible Questions:**
 - (i) How does the CADL Spotlight align with Activities?
 - (ii) What progress has been made since the April GSC meeting?
 - (iii) What Kids Count data indicators align with your Outcome group activities? What additional data is needed?
 - (iv) Consider progress made in FY19 (Kids Count data, other data) to complete the “Keep, Revise, Change, Add” tool.
 - (v) Outcome groups will share one highlight of their Outcome group time as a large group.
- e) **Facilitation of Outcome Groups** – Outcome 1 – Jessica; Outcome 2 – Lucy; Outcome 3 – Wendy/Effie; Outcome 4 – Corrie/Michelle
- f) **GSC Updates** – Kids Count; Evaluation – One Feeling Word
 - (i) Two presenters from Michigan League for Public Policy shared the recently-released Kids Count data at the Ingham ISD Early Childhood department meeting yesterday. They explained how “Michigan’s data has stagnated compared to the rest of the nation; so this data is used to have deeper conversations to find out why.” Ingham County Highlights included an increase in abuse and neglect, an increase in infant mortality, an increase in children receiving EO services, etc. This information will be shared with GSC members.
 - (ii) Use one feeling word for the meeting evaluation
- g) **Chair?** Lucy **Timekeeper?** Effie

V. Operations Committee Updates

- a) July Operations Committee and GSC Meetings – Members discussed and agreed there should be July meetings scheduled this year. Operations is schedule for July 11 and GSC would be July 17.
- b) [WILX](#) featured a story on Head Start's 1,000 book reading challenge!
- c) GSRP children cannot be officially enrolled until after Governor Whitmer signs the budget—which may pose enrollment challenges for GSRP if budgets are not signed in a timely fashion. Corrie sent RFPs to community organizations with more information about becoming a GSRP partner.
- d) Head Start is opening a classroom at the MSU CDL Lab in East Lansing with 15 Head Start children. This program is an all-day expansion program.
- e) Corrie is working to ensure all MKEO kits are delivered on time so training can begin.

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

- a) **GSC Meetings** – 05/08/19 and 06/12/19 from 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- b) **Operations Meetings** – 05/2/19 and 06/06/19 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

VII. Adjourn

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