

Ingham Great Start Collaborative Operations Committee Notes

5/14/20
3:00 – 4:30 pm

ATTENDEES: Effie Alofoje-Carr, Jessica Baker, Wendy Boyce, Lisa Chambers, Sheila Henderson, Lucy McClintic, Corrie Mervyn, Barb Monroe, Michelle Nicholson, Stephanie Thelen

I. The 5/14/20 Agenda was approved and 3/12/20 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

II. Inclusion Activity – *“Social distancing can lead to social isolation and even increased stress. How has the quality of (your) relationships changed during this time?”* Members shared responses:

- Missing grandchildren; getting use to visiting with family and friends outside due to social distancing; adjusting to working with spouse at home.
- Missing family and friends; and adjusting to working with family (at home) for the past nine weeks.
- Missing family and friends; the first weeks were difficult with learning new technology; however, now able to connect with friends and family, and offer support to a co-worker experiencing the loss of a family member.
- Having everyone (me, spouse, child) at home every day has been a challenge, while adjusting to the new normal and the added stress that comes with it.

III. **MDE Guidance 32p & 32p(4) / Family Coalition Update** - Guidance was issued on May 4 regarding GSCs and GSPCs. Going forward, the GSC and Parent Coalition will continue with no face-to-face contact until the Executive Order 2020-65 is lifted or for the remainder of the grant year (FY ends 9/30/20), whichever comes first. At this time, Jessica continues to reach out to families individually.

The March GSC meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19; however, GSC members met virtually for the April meeting and are encouraged to continue to connect without face-to-face contact. Prior to the April meeting, members were asked if they could meet via Zoom; and all but one member reported they could connect virtually; arrangements were made to support communication and engagement with this member.

The 32p Block Grant includes early childhood programming; and along with 32p(4), includes home visiting services through Great Parents, Great Start. Guidance states educators are to continue to keep children/families at the center—with health and safety as the first priority. Virtual home visits are offered for those interested; Chromebooks have been loaned to families in need; some families prefer visits by phone, and one family is not interested in virtual visits, but welcomes information via mail.

Great Parents, Great Start uses the Parents As Teachers Model, which has provided guidance, webinars, and other support for flexible home visits during this challenging time. Reflective Supervision, suspended due to Covid-19, is scheduled to begin again soon. Early Childhood is included in Ingham ISD's [Continuity of Learning Plan](#) (CLP).

- IV. ReadyRosie** – Families are receiving invitations for the [ReadyRosie](#) App (that corresponds with Ingham Early Learning Calendar Activities). Currently, 380 invitations have been sent, with 135 families responding their acceptance. Participating families are from EFEL Partners; Ingham Play & Learn Groups; two GSRP community-based organizations; and Stepping Up Together. Other community families with children birth to 3rd grade will have access to ReadyRosie in June. “Marketing” ReadyRosie could be part of Outcome 3 and 4 work.
- V. Plan 5/27/20 GSC Meeting Agenda** – A goal is to keep meetings between one and one-half hours, as many people are in various virtual meetings throughout the day.
- a) Inclusion Activity** – A Zoom poll was suggested to ask how members are doing; how are the families served doing; and what resources are being requested. Results will be shared in real time.
 - b) Family Coalition Update** – Jessica will share updates.
 - c) Spotlights**
 - **May** – Lisa Chambers will share safe sleep resources available due to Covid-19 (i.e. Pack ‘n Plays), and about clinics currently open—specific hours for ages of children, where to get physicals, etc. Wendy will give an overview and share a video clip of the ReadyRosie App.
 - **Future Spotlight Suggestions** – Birth to 3 Literacy Essentials, MKEO, Kids’ Count
 - d) Outcome Groups & Questions** – Members will meet virtually in Outcome groups for 10-20 minutes (depending upon attendance) to review Action Agenda work that could continue virtually through September if necessary. Other Suggestions included asking for organization updates ahead of the May Meeting; however, changes occur daily, so information may not be current. Information and updates via chat can be shared with members after the meeting. The Action Agenda will be shared with the meeting reminder for members to review ahead of time. Outcome Groups will have a facilitator and time keeper. Outcome group question follows:
 - What Action Agenda Activities can we continue to move forward while working remotely?
 - e) GSC and Partner Updates**
 - f) Evaluation** – Zoom poll rather than Survey Monkey

IV. Operations Committee Updates

- **EFEL Update** – Recent discussion with CAUW included if and how metrics would be met by the EFEL collaboration partners. Current EFEL funding has allowed for English subtitles for the translated literacy videos that were created through Trusted Advisors Funding. Due to EFEL funding, a decision was made not to apply for this round of additional Trusted Advisors' Grant funding.
- **CACS Head Start** will not be conducting summer programming due to many unknowns. Instead, they are focusing on classes in the fall. **PNC Bank** and **WKAR** are assembling "learning bags" for Head Start families. Families will receive one bag each month for the next six months that includes supports for social-emotional, math, and literacy. These resources are vital in the absence of summer programming. Family Advocates will continue working with families virtually through the summer months.
- **ICHD** is reporting more Covid-19 cases in the 48911 zip code. This is, in part, due to many families who work at Meijer Warehouse and Herbruck's Farm. A testing event was held last weekend, with another event scheduled for tomorrow at Richwood. Meijer Warehouse is in Eaton County, and ICHD may support testing services.
- Vision and hearing screening may not have been completed for all children before schools closed due the Covid-19 Pandemic. The State of Michigan released documentation explaining additional flexibility regarding required screenings in the Fall. ICHD may conduct screenings in smaller communities. As more is known, this information will be shared.

Head Start will begin reviewing records to see which children are behind in physicals and immunizations.

- **Kids Count** was released April 29. The report is restructured with no overall County ranking, rather stoplights are now being used for indicators, with **Ingham County** showing some red stoplights, which indicates worsening conditions.

II. Future Meetings

- a) **GSC Meetings** – 5/27/20 1:00-2:30 p.m. via Zoom
- b) **Operations Meetings** – 06/04/20 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom
- c) **Adjourn**

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