

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

06/04/20  
3:00 – 4:30 pm

**ATTENDEES:** Effie Alofoje-Carr, Jessica Baker, Wendy Boyce, Lisa Chambers, Laurie Linscott, Lucy McClintic, Michelle Nicholson, Stephanie Thelen

- I. The 06/04/20 Agenda was approved and 05/14/20 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.
- II. Inclusion Activity – *“What is one word that describes how you are feeling today?”* (In reference to racial violence, inequities, and the death of George Floyd) Members shared responses:

- Mad, sad, frustrated, outraged, overwhelmed, it’s just a lot to process.

### **III. Family Engagement, Family Coalition (FC), ReadyRosie**

Due to no face-to-face guidance because of Covid-19, there will be no June FC meeting. Jessica continues to check in with families and share resources such as online school-related activities for children and food service programs. There is no FC meeting scheduled for July, as is typical, and more information will be available regarding the August meeting in the future. Lansing School District, Waverly, and Stockbridge families are being asked, via a survey, to share their thoughts on students transitioning back to school. Several options are being considered, ranging from total face-to-face instruction to part-time face-to-face instruction, and/or completely online. Head Start distributed a similar survey asking parents what their needs are if learning takes place online. Survey results are not yet available.

As shared at last month’s meeting, the community access portion of the [ReadyRosie](#) App will be available soon. The App provides a digital format to compliment Ingham Early Learning Calendar Activities (still available in electronic and paper format). Families will be enrolled by zip code for ease of tracking. The App is available in Spanish and English and closed captioned in English, Spanish, Arabic, and Vietnamese. Once registered, families will choose pre-k or elementary options for push notifications and can access the Modeled Moment video library.

A flyer has been developed; and once approved, will be shared with community partners, and [Ingham GSC Website](#). Lansing GSRP staff reports 60% of families are asking for activities to do with their children at home, and this App will align. The ReadyRosie invitation will also be sent to 2019-2020 Ingham Preschool applications and 2020-2021 applications.

In regard to preschool enrollment for 2020-2021, Head Start reported having trouble connecting with families and reports fewer applications than in previous years. A potential outreach strategy would be to visit housing communities (Summerplace, Richwood, etc.) to enroll families. Head Start plans to include outreach materials with their "If You Give a Pig a Party" mailing. Ingham Preschool information could also be included with local school district food distribution, and Leslie, Okemos, Haslett, Dansville, and Lansing food services directors have been contacted. ICHD is also having difficulty connecting with families, and is taking a texting approach.

**IV. MDHHS HV Needs Assessment and Mini-Grant** – A county-wide HV Needs Assessment for home visiting was previously done. There is currently \$5,000 in funding available to do another assessment, which would take place in July and August. The Application to conduct the Needs Assessment is due on June 12, with grantees learning if they received the grant by the end of June. For Ingham, Ingham ISD would apply and conduct oversight. The funding is just to complete the Needs Assessment and not for additional home visiting services at this time. Michigan expects to receive \$400,000 less in home visiting through MIECHV funding. Discussion took place about how ICHD can help with the application, including a Region 7 Maternal Child Health consultant who can assist with grant writing.

**V. Plan 06/17/20 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** – Another Zoom poll was suggested to allow for interaction and engagement. Jessica will provide questions. Results will be shared in real time.

**b) Family Engagement Update** – Jessica will share updates about the Family Coalition and the ReadyRosie flyer can be shared with members.

**c) Spotlights**

- **June** – ICHD has declared racism a public health emergency. Topics to be addressed could include the plan for Ingham County going forward, and are there opportunities to open the GSC for more in-depth training and dialogue? Lisa will contact Ryan Rowe, Debbie Edokpolo, and Linda Vail to see if they are available to speak.

- **Future Spotlight Suggestions** – Mental Health in light of current events (Melissa Threadgould), Birth to 3 Literacy Essentials, MKEO, Kids' Count

**d) Outcome Groups & Questions** – If ICHD staff is available to speak at the June GSC meeting, Operations Committee proposed to have facilitated dialogue for a longer timeframe in a large group, reducing the time spent in Outcome groups. If Outcome groups do meet, the following questions would be discussed:

- What progress has been made on Activities since the May GSC meeting?
- What needs does your Outcome group have to make progress on Activities?

**e) GSC and Partner Updates**

- f) Evaluation** – Zoom poll to include question from Spotlight dialogue “who will you share this information with?” (organization, family, church, legislators), could do a Wordle, or multiple choice questions.

**IV. Operations Committee Updates**

- **PDG B-5 Yaffee Group Communication Templates** – Universal communication templates have been developed for early childhood programs—Home Visiting, Great Start to Quality, GSRP, Head Start, and Early On. Collaboratives and their partners were asked to share feedback. These materials are *not* to be shared with families, as they are not finalized at this time. Materials will not replace local materials and will be able to be found at <https://www.michigan.gov/mikidsmatter>. Materials will be in English, Spanish, and Arabic for now.
- **CACS Head Start** – No summer programming will take place at this time. Teachers distributed materials via drive-by pick up and to student’s homes if needed. Feedback was that students and teachers were thrilled to see other!
- **ICHHD** – Many staff are currently on furlough through the end of July, and working four days per week. This will not impact the work to be done, and furlough days are varied, with someone available five days per week. Staff may start using a web-based App to screen for Covid-19 symptoms and exposure.
- **MSUCDL** – Details to re-open sites is being finalized. East Minster Childcare re-opened with a slow start, and it’s going well. For many, re-opening is both exciting and worrisome.
- Ingham ISD is working on creating short videos for staff and visitors so people know what to do when they return to working onsite. Videos can be shared as a resource with Operations members.

**V. Future Meetings**

- a) **GSC Meetings** – 06/17/20 1:00-2:30 p.m. via Zoom
- b) **Operations Meetings** – 07/09/20 at 3:00 p.m., location TBD

**Adjourn**

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