

Local Leadership Group

Meeting Notes

May 6, 2020

1:00pm-3:00pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92966652539?pwd=bGJkS2c3M1ZLQ3JkS3BKRzdHQnpYdz09>

Meeting ID: 929 6665 2539

Password: 360462

1. Welcome/Introductions

Parent Café Question: Why Is It Important To Have a Positive Attitude?

- Need to be patient and positive and make sure that I'm taking care of myself and my needs at this time.
- Be sure you're acknowledging the person's own experiences and not projecting your own experience. Don't assume that because you are stressed/not stressed that the person you are talking to feels the same way you do. Need to go into conversations with a neutral mindset.
- As a supervisor, it's important to stay positive and encourage/motivate staff. Need to keep myself positive in order to be encouraging for them.

2. March Meeting Recap

March meeting notes were reviewed and approved.

3. Thank You Celeste!

Celeste left her position at the Health Department at the Nurse Family Partnership supervisor and is now working for Physicians Health Plan (PHP). Celeste will be greatly missed by all of the LLG partners!

4. Parent Voice

How are you? How can we help?

- Mentally doing okay. Daughter is having a hard time. She understands what is going on but is struggling with the restrictions. Still determining how to handle work/job: need to make the decision to stay home with child or return to work and find childcare. Definitely has a lot of appreciation for teachers!
- Doing good overall. Have resources and are able to tap into them. Struggling more with learning how her child learns and becoming a teacher overnight. Teachers have been accessible but still need to work on keeping her child motivated and herself motivated without stress.

5. Spotlight:

Rebecca Meszaros, Community Resource Coordinator: Ingham MDHHS

-Provide resources to the staff to distribute to families, manage volunteers and recruits, coordinate transportation.

Resources during Pandemic:

-EBT Card: Families with children 5-18 years old and already receive free or reduced lunches will receive a EBT card. The card will come in the oldest child's name. Cards should be received the week of May 3rd. Families who receive food stamps will have the same amount at the EBT card added to their cards.

-Families who enrolled in EHS prior to November 2019 will also receive the EBT cards.

-Families do not need to interview for food stamps at this time

-Work requirements for adults without children (dependents) have been waived.

-Pandemic Unemployment funds are not included as income for food stamps

-Cash Program: Application period of 21 days has been waived

-There should not be any Medicaid closures unless someone moves out of state or passes away.

-Assistance for SER has been expanded

-Dropbox at MDHHS is available to submit forms/documents. Families can also submit electronically

-Health Department: Enroll for assistance by calling the registration or enrollment number.

-WIC: No appointments or home visits. Eligibility has been extended.

-Warm Line: Peer counseling to aid in mental health for those with Medicaid from 10am-2pm

-United Way may be a resource to check for housing assistance.

***Contact Rebecca with any additional questions at meszarosr@mi.gov**

6. Great Parents Great Start

-Blue Ribbon status will remain, regardless of meeting the essential requirements due to the pandemic.

-Some restrictions have been lifted with how to contact families: both phone and virtual are approved

-Surveyed families to see how best to meet their need and serve them. Do they have devices etc.

-Trying to find out how best to reach families and the frequency of contact and/or follow-up communications

-8 Chromebooks were provided by the ISD via the Wilson Talent Center for families who wanted to participate but did not have devices.

-Meeting with playgroup facilitators to determine how to serve families who attended playgroups.

Agency Updates/Covid-19 Resources

- EHS home visitors will not be doing in-person visits through the end of the year (August). Everything will be virtual for the rest of the school year. Once the public-school year ends, EHS will pick-up a bit more and require more visits and commitments.
- Working to find ways to re-introduce home visiting services
- CMH: Currently offering tele-health visits. Will gradually re-introduce services when cleared to do so
- Stepping Up Together: Also offering tele-health visits. Flexible with how visits are happening. Using outside resources to support families
- Health Department has money for Safe Sleep outreach. Can provide pack & plays to families and will ship directly to them from Amazon. Do not necessarily need to be enrolled in a program. Will need to provide parent name, address and child age/due date. Contact Lisa Chambers for more information:
- CMHA-CEI has developed a COVID-19 Support Line available to anyone in Clinton, Eaton, or Ingham counties. Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; call 517-237-7100
- Telepractice at Early On going well. 99 visits two weeks ago. 131 last week. Over 300 families are receiving at least one contact a week (text/email/phone, etc.). Not easy, but staff are doing great things!
- COVID testing available at ICHD; call 887-4517 to schedule an assessment and appointment.
- Missy will be retiring in the Upper Peninsula in the next couple weeks.

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/Family_Wellness_Guide_FINAL_web_688650_7.pdf

<http://www.eatondrugfree.org/resources.html>