

Local Leadership Group Meeting Notes

June 3, 2020

1:00pm-2:00pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions

Parent Café Question: What role does the internet play in your social connections?

Responses were collected through Mentimeter. Varied responses: sharing resources, seeing familiar faces, game nights, none at all and internet usage has increased due to Covid-19.

2. May Meeting Recap

May notes reviewed and approved.

3. Great Parents Great Start

There are no updates at this time.

4. CQI Update

Due to the pandemic and the shut-downs, PDSA Cycle 1 was paused. We could have paused (work stopped but will be resumed to finish the project) or pivot (change direction of the original project). We chose to pause because our topic is very relevant to our LLG. We are picking up Cycle 1 and will complete this cycle congruent with PDSA Cycle 2.

-Problem Statement: Home visiting staff are not as aware of other local programs and staff in order to feel comfortable referring families across programs

-AIM Statement: By April 30, 2020, the Ingham LLG will increase by 5 the number of home visitors who make home visiting program referrals to a family.

PDSA Cycle 2: Cycle 2 will be a rapid cycle focusing on Family Engagement. We are looking at how we can support our LLG families to continue being

part of the LLG during the pandemic and exploring successes and challenges during this time.

***LLG partners are invited to attend CQI meetings for input.**

5. Statewide PR Material Review

- MDE was awarded the PDG Birth-5 Grant. They are looking at the communications and public awareness/knowledge around services.
- Wanting programs to use consistent messaging within programs.
- They are considering using rainbow color-coded visuals to identify ages associated with services: Red-Purple representing Birth-5.
- MiKidsMatter website is under construction and will provide general information on various programs and drive you to the appropriate site for more detailed information. The site will not replace the Michigan Home Visiting site.
- Promotional materials will be available in English, Spanish and Arabic. There are multiple formats and cultural representations available.
- The drafted promotional materials will be shared with LLG for review and feedback.

6. HV Needs Assessment Mini Grant App

- Ingham has previously received 3 grants: Early Head Start, Nurse Family Partnership and Parents as Teachers used by Great Parents Great Start.
- Needs Assessment is a Federal requirement and MDHHS has been asked to do it again.
- The mini-grant application is currently open and due June 12, 2020. The grant amount is \$5,000. Once the grant is awarded, the Needs Assessment will need to be completed between June and August of 2020. Michelle proposed applying through the ISD/GSC on behalf of the LLG.
- The application will be sent out to the LLG partners for review.

7. Parent Voice

How are you? What are some successes and challenges during this time? How can we help?

Parent #1: Things are going well. Daughter is frustrated with the circumstances. Having a hard time keeping up with everything and managing time. She is enjoying the time she has with her daughter. Sending encouraging messages and quotes would be helpful.

Parent #2: Things are good. The change from quarantine has given her time for herself and her son and enjoying the time. She's been able to organize things and manage some bad habits. Working on potty training and it's been a challenging process.

Parent #3: The beginning of the quarantine was nice and relaxing but it's too much being home all day with the kids. Tries to get outside but it's hard because there are a lot of other children around and causes anxiety. Goes to grandma's house to the kids can play in a fenced yard and it gives mom an opportunity to visit and talk with other adults. Resources on potty training would be helpful. *Kelly will send provider with resources.

Parent #4: She has been able to get some stuff done. Struggling with finding activities for everyone and dealing with the social and emotional challenges. It's hard to interact with others when dealing with kids all day and hard to find time for self-care. Found to be more introverted than she thought so the messages of checking in and seeing how she's doing have been really supportive.

8. Spotlight

Jessica Baker: Family Coalition

With the family coalition not able to meet face to face, Jessica has been sending out resources to families and staying in contact with them. Unsure if face to face meeting will happen in August. Will have to wait and see how things are progressing.

9. Agency Updates

Is your program still visiting?

What do the visits look like?

What are your plans for resuming services?

-**CMH**: Have been doing home visits for urgent clients but the rest have been tele-health visits. Will begin rolling-out in-person visits with more clients next week. It will be a mixture of in-person and tele-health. Staff will use Safety Sacks filled with PPE and other materials to aid in safe visits. Engaging in parallel play to reduce direct contact.

-**Health Department**: Continuing tele-health visits via phone, zoom etc. Nurses are still helping with Covid-19 issues. Referring out to resources as needed.

-**Early On**: Continuing tele-practice via text, email, phone and sharing videos. Unsure when face to face visits will resume.

-**EHS**: Continuing virtual visits. Beginning next week, families will be required to make more commitments to the virtual visits. The families will have to be more engaged. The virtual visits will continue through August.