

Ingham Great Start Collaborative Operations Committee Notes

07/09/20
3:00 – 4:30 pm

ATTENDEES: Effie Alofoje-Carr, Jessica Baker, Wendy Boyce, Lisa Chambers, Lucy McClintic, Barb Monroe, Michelle Nicholson

I. The 07/09/20 Agenda was approved and 06/4/20 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

II. Inclusion Activity

Members were asked to respond to which movie catch phrase describes how they were feeling.

- May the force be with you – Star Wars 1977
- Toto, I've got a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore! - Wizard of Oz 1939
- I want to be alone – Grand Hotel 1932
- What we've got here is a failure to communicate – Cool Hand Luke 1967
- "Why is the rum always gone?...Oh...that's why."- Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest, 2006
- "My precious." - The Lord of the Rings: Two Towers, 2002

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

Ingham GSC recently launched community access (90 registrations by zip code, Lansing zip codes have the highest number) to [ReadyRosie](#), while the classroom model (166 invitations accepted, with 265 pending) continues to register Play and Learn group, EFEL partners and some GSRP Community Partners. Emails were also sent to 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 GSRP preschool applicants for the community access model. ReadyRosie works best in Chrome. Macaroni Kid is willing to do an article to promote. How do we continue to promote to school districts, health partners, home visitors?

IV. Debrief June GSC Meeting and Conversation, Next Steps

As facilitators, Dana and Lisa felt the conversation was a great start and it went well because members were willing to talk. Discussion was on racism as a public health crisis and included what individuals and organizations might do for next steps. A video on privilege was shared with members. GSC sent out the PowerPoint and chat with resources and received some responses from people who didn't attend that they were impressed from reading the chat notes.

Lucy shared that Head Start started a steering committee with an action agenda. One action item is to find other places to post job openings that might draw more diverse applicants. Head Start also created a collection of resources. Lucy shared a resource of a series of videos, [From Surviving to Thriving](#). The series includes a video Head Start will show when staff return, [How to Address Inequities in Early Childhood](#) (28 minutes). This video shows the impacts of COVID 19 and inequities, and includes personal stories, how to approach families and reflective activity. Michelle shared a couple of other videos (13th, Uncomfortable Truth) that she watched and is encouraging other administrators to watch and engage in conversation. Ingham ISD is considering a Book Study with administrators.

It was asked if other organizations could use the statement Ingham County Health Department released. Wayne's GSC website statement regarding equity was shared. It was suggested to create our own statement in our own words, that would last for a while. Some things discussed include:

- Should what we stand for be more a focus than what stand against?
- However, should we include what we stand against since black deaths are still occurring?
- Should we keep racism as a standing agenda item; and how will it look? Could we discuss racism in Outcome groups?
- Although we are “late to the game” we need to start doing something.
- Op Comm members agreed we need a statement on our website and Effie agreed to work on it based on our notes. The use of “racism is a public health crisis” should be included in our verbiage.
- Lucy wondered about the Islamic Society and how they would feel about the statement and if they would feel left out. We could reach out to the Islamic Society (Janine and/or Sondos) for feedback.
- The statement should be all inclusive so all groups are included and feel represented. Does BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) represent all groups?

Wayne GSC website statement (The language Operations Committee members felt should be included in the Ingham GSC statement is bolded.): *Everybody Ready and Great Start Detroit/Wayne stand with our colleagues, partners, our local families and communities against intolerance, discrimination, social injustice and racism. We will continue to do the work necessary to support an Early Childhood System that **challenges systemic inequity and oppression**, tackling barriers for families and supporting a **collective of organizations** who do the work of **community responsibility and sustainable change**.*

V. Plan 07/15/20 GSC Meeting Agenda

- a) Inclusion Activity** - Movie catch phrases in regard to being an agent of change of where people think they are personally with the issue of racism.
- b) Family Engagement Update** – Ready Rosie Update
- c) Potential Spotlights?** Continue conversation with racism; MKEO/Birth to 3 Literacy Essentials; Kids County 2020; others?

It was suggested to continue the conversation on racism in a large group and check in with people about what they have done since the last meeting (sharing out loud or adding in chat). The equity draft statement Effie agreed to work on could be shared with members as a step the GSC is taking now and that may evolve over time. The goal of sharing would be to get “buy in” from GSC members based upon what they feel is important to include. Members could respond to the draft statement by email.

It was suggested to share a local news story or have a member share personal stories to help connect with our community. However, caution was raised in how sharing stories could potentially re-traumatize. Also local news is available through technology at all times. Therefore, it was decided not to move forward with this suggestion. Another suggestion was to have a monthly question on racism for Outcome groups to discuss.

- d) Questions in Break-Out Rooms**
 - 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/or Member Updates** – Planning for future services and face-to-face interactions.

- f) **Evaluation** – Word Cloud graphic based on question – i.e. One word to describe how you felt about today’s meeting?

IV. Operations Committee Updates

- **Census 2020 Update** - Wendy shared information on current response rate for Census 2020: Michigan ranked 3rd (68.1%) in the country for self-response. In the state of Michigan, Clinton is ranked 3rd (76%), Eaton is ranked 8th (75.9%), and Ingham is ranked 23rd (69.9%) in county self-response rate. Ingham zip codes of 48906, 48933, 48912, 48910, and 48823 are areas with lowest self-response rate to focus.
- **Listen and Learn Symposium** - Preschool Development Block Grant Birth-5 is hosting a free virtual symposium on 5 topics via panel discussions and storytelling, as well as a couple of keynote presentations. The symposium organizers continue to recruit participants, presenters, and storytellers.
- **CAUW EFEL Grant** - Each partner had funds left from current year due to adjustments during COVID 19. CAUW is allowing us to carryover the funding. Going into Year 2, CAUW is offering 65% of what we were awarded in Year 1 due to decrease in donations. All partners agreed that they could continue activities with carryover and Year 2 funding.
- **Governor’s Return To School** - Governor Whitmer released [MISafeSchools Roadmap](#) on 6-30-20 with guidelines and requirements for 4 scenarios for returning to school. Ingham ISD is working with our 12 local school districts on [Education Reimagined](#) to help put together recommendations and resources the districts in starting the school year.
- **MDHHS Needs Assessment and Mini Grant** - LLG is working on verifying all home visiting programs for the County who will be asked to complete a survey. LLG will host a joint LLG/GSC Focus Group on 7/23/20 to review data. The opportunity to host a focus group for families to provide input is also being considered. The group will come back together in mid-August to do the last step of the assessment (Step 6) – to review data analysis, HV program survey, and family input to determine our community readiness for additional home visiting.

V. Future Meetings

- a) **GSC Meetings** – 07/15/20 at 1:00-2:30 p.m. via Zoom
- b) **Operations Meetings** – 08/13/20 at 3:00 p.m., location TBD

Adjourn

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