

## Local Leadership Group Notes

October 7, 2020

1:00pm-2:00pm

### Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Meeting ID: 834 8288 5180

Present: Michelle Nicholson, Kae Dubay, Rebecca Meszaros, LaSean Thompson, Melissa Threadgould, Kethy Kelly, Samantha Rohrbach, Holly Smego, Effie Alofoje-Carr, Pam Miklavic, Jessica Baker, Lisa Chambers, Stephanie Thelen, Katherine Ealy, Dana Watson, Kelly Uhlmann, Jasmine Tucker, Regine Cherry, Antanea Robinson

#### 1. Welcome/Introductions

***If you could trade living spaces with someone, who would you trade with and why?***

Shared out responses

#### 2. Virtual Meeting Working Agreements

Working agreements have been drafted. Effie will share with LLG. Any suggestions can be sent to Effie.

#### 3. September Meeting Review

September notes were reviewed and approved.

#### 4. Great Parents Great Start

-GPGS is accepting new referrals and still doing virtual home visits. There have been many families exiting the program as of late. Any questions about current program updates or how to refer potential families, contact Michelle Nicholson.

#### 5. 2021 Workplan Review

-The approved 2021 Workplan was reviewed to prepare for the work coming up in the new fiscal year.

#### 6. CQI Grantee Meeting Recap

-After wrapping up a very successful CQI cycle for keeping parents connected for monthly meeting attendance, the CQI team attended the statewide CQI meeting virtually in September. The team shared the process and results for PDSA cycle 2, which will be adopted into regular practice. The team also discussed the results of the 2020 Impact Report regarding parent voice and how it shows a significant positive effect on the work of the Local Leadership Group.

## 7. Parent Voice

***Describe a time when your home visitor helped to connect you to medical/mental health resources such as prenatal visits, well-child visits or other support services?***

-Parent #1: Home visitor introduced mom to Pam from Davies Project. There was a need for transportation to and from doctor appointments. Because of this, her son received all the medical attention he needed. Home visitor was able to make this connection when therapist was unable to. The first-hand relationship with the home visitor was needed to make this connection.

-Parent #2: Mom shared that her home visitor, Celeste, connected her to make a video for perinatal depression. Mom was also connected to DHS Women's Health Center and was able to speak to the doctor. Also connected to breast feeding classes. Home visitor pushed mom out of comfort zone. Talked about that was needed and then made the connection to the resources. In addition to connecting to the resources, the home visitor helped to maintain those connections.

-Parent #3: Mom didn't ask for many referrals but was referred to the LLG. That was a great connection and a consistent area to plug into. Her home visitor supported mom in getting connected to the LLG and it helped with getting her out of the house. In addition, after a bad experience with DHS, her home visitor stepped in and was able to advocate for her and really helped mediate the situation.

-Parent #4: Home visitor connected mom with a therapist that she has now continued to see for years.

## 8. Spotlight

***The Davies Project***

- Pam from the Davie's project shared the history and creation of the program. Her son had cancer and saw that many families struggle with many aspects of care. Even if you have great access to medical care, if you don't have a way to access the care, it doesn't matter.
- Want children to be as healthy as they can be.
- When stress of transportation is removed, families are healthier overall.
- Services:
  - Provide transportation to all doctor appointments for children
  - Provide transportation for pre-natal visits
  - Provide transportation for parents who child is in NICU
  - Provide transportation to anyone who needs to accompany the child, including siblings.
  - Provide car seats and booster seats
  - Drivers will drive to the appointments, wait for the appointment to finish and then drive back home.
- Transportation to all medical care appointments, including:
  - Well baby/child visits
  - Dentist
  - OT
  - Therapists
  - Specialists
    - \*Outside of the Lansing area, if necessary
    - \*Working with Dean of Transportation for longer trips
- Drivers are mostly retired and had worked in schools/education.
- All drivers have thorough back-ground checks.
- Drivers learn what other resources the families need so they have been compiling additional resources to meet these needs.
  - Healthy snack bags from Kiwanis Club
  - Building libraries at home
    - Hand out new and used books
    - \$2,500 grant from Delta to purchase more diverse books
    - Family space available
    - Drivers will pick-up 1 week of meals from Lansing School District remote meal plan and deliver to families.
- Clinics refer families but families can self-refer. Need a confirmation from the doctor/office that child is a patient.

## 9. Agency Updates

-Strengthening Families program is available, check flyer or contact Family Growth Center for more information.

-Free Covid testing today, October 7<sup>th</sup>

-Black Breastfeeding Sisterhood is trying to start back-up. Need moms interested in joining. Contact through their Facebook page or Antanea can give more information.