

Ingham Great Start Collaborative Operations Committee Notes

01/14/21
3:00 – 4:30 pm

ATTENDEES: Jessica Baker, Wendy Boyce, Lisa Chambers, Laurie Linscott, Michelle Nicholson, Stephanie Thelen

- I. The 01/14/21 Meeting Agenda and 11/12/20 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.
- II. **Inclusion Activity** – “*Would you rather work from home/virtually, in the office, or a balance of both?*”
 - Childcare providers may not have the choice not to be in the office; however, sometimes it helps to be at home to work especially if you need quiet, uninterrupted time.
 - In an ideal world, it’s nice to work at home; however, nothing is ideal at the moment. I do miss my friends and being with people.
 - I would like a balance of both; yet I miss the people. Working from home can be more efficient.
 - I would like a balance of both, and I also miss the people.
 - Feedback from parents includes being at home does have some advantages—they are not in a rush, are spending more quality time together, etc.

III. Family Engagement, [Family Coalition](#) (FC)

FC Meetings: Jessica continues to maintain communication with families throughout these past months of being unable to hold in-person meetings. Currently meeting dates and times are staggered and flexible to meet the needs of families and enable more participation:

- 01/21/21 - 6:00-7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- 02/02/21 - 10:00-11:00 a.m. via Zoom
- 02/10/21 – 4:00-5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- 02/18/21 – 6:00-7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Q: Is it possible to offer an incentive for families who bring a friend?

A: Incentives are a possibility, with more discussion needed.

Parent Vitality Café Series: The LLG will host this series virtually on the first Tuesday of each month from 4:00-5:00 p.m. (series began 01/12/21). This series focuses on mental and emotional health and the Protective Factors—addressing difficult situations and supporting families learning to adjust to the challenges related to the Pandemic. Contact Effie for additional information inghamllg@gmail.com or 517.918.4729.

Introduction to Protective Factors Framework:

In August, Jessica completed a four-day training to become a certified trainer for the Protective Factors Framework; and will begin training parents and childcare providers. Registration and information can be found through the links below. The *introductory training is required* prior to taking other training modules on the individual Protective Factors, which participants can choose based upon their interest. Certificates are earned upon completion and materials can be shared with others (including the GSCs).

There is also a February 4 introductory session, which may be opened to GSC members if registration slots are available. This registration link will be shared pending available slots. See below under GSC Updates.

Q: How do childcare providers register?

A: The registration process is set up through MiRegistry; which is linked to the CCRESA website.

For questions regarding the Family Coalition or training, please contact Jessica InghamGSCParents@gmail.com or 517.899.4754.

The Presidential Inauguration is scheduled for the same day as the January GSC meeting. A statement will be included in the meeting notice asking members to respond if they do not plan to attend the GSC meeting. If enough members plan to be absent, the January meeting will be rescheduled.

IV. Plan 11/18/20 GSC Meeting Agenda

- **Inclusion Activity** – Poll question asking what comes to mind when thinking about high-quality childcare (i.e. high-quality and cost/affordability).
- **Family Engagement** – Jessica will report.
- **Spotlights:**
 - *January – Great Start to Quality:* Central Resource Center staff will present.
 - *February – Racial Equity Leaders Cohort:* Dana Watson, LaDawn Caldwell, Karen Hoene, Robin Pizzo, Andrea Ryan plan to share an update and next steps.
 - *Future:* (i.e. Preschool Development Grant, MIKidsMatter, Michigan’s Children/Pritzker; State budget cycle)
- **Outcome Group Break-Out Questions:**
 - How does access to high-quality child care impact your Outcome group’s Activities?
 - Save this question for February GSC meeting: What is the impact of racism on access to high-quality care and impact of racism?
 - What progress has been made on Activities since the November GSC meeting?
 - What are some next steps by Outcome Group members to make progress on Activities?
- **GSC and Member Updates:**
 - [Regional Introduction to Strengthening Families Protective Factors virtual event – February 4, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon](#) (For GSC members as slots are available)
 - **Kindergarten Round Up** – Information is being gathered from local school districts regarding their plans for Kindergarten Round Up. The concern continues to be which families may have been missed and are not engaged due to the Pandemic.
 - **Ingham Preschool Enrollment** - Opens tomorrow or early next week for the 2021/22 school year.
 - Data regarding this year vs last year:
 - 2019-20 Applications as of 1/14/20 = 4156
 - 2020-21 Applications as of 1/14/20 = 3524
 - 2019-20 Enrolled as GSRP/Blend as of 1/14/20 = 1189 (of 2304 GSRP income eligible @ 250% or below FPL)

- 2020-21 Enrolled as GSRP/Blend as of 1/14/20 = 894 (of 2334 GSRP age eligible)
- Program updates:
 - Dansville – 1 opening
 - Kid Time – Full
 - Others – Multiple openings
 - February 10 - State Count will be interesting to see the number of children enrolled, who attended at least one time after November 1, which may be different than children who are enrolled.
- Effie and Wendy plan to share information with GSC members regarding connecting to preschool and ReadyRosie with the faith community.

V. Operations Committee Updates

- Michigan’s Children Lunch and Learn Session – 1/20/21 @ 9:00–10:00 am - “How to Talk to Policymakers: Effective Tips for Messaging Your Issue”
<https://forms.gle/Nnyj6u4fnwwvScbx9>
- ICHD – Continues to focus on Covid including testing and vaccinations; retirements and vacancies: Debbie Edokpolo has retired; NFP and MIHP supervisor positions are open. Check the [ICHD website](#) for job postings.
- MSU CDL: Open since July, which has caused stress for some staff; clinical students have continued with their clinical experience. When Covid issues arise, the preparedness plan is followed.

VI. Review Next Meeting Dates and Times:

- **Operations:**
 - 02/11/21 and 3/11/21 @ 3:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **GSC:**
 - 01/20/21 and 2/17/21 @ 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Adjourn

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