

## Ingham Great Start Collaborative

*Our vision: Every child is ready to succeed in school and life.*

Ingham GSC Meeting Notes -October 14, 2015, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

**LOCATION: Grace United Methodist Church - 1900 Boston Blvd.,  
Lansing**

### **I. Welcome and Working Agreements**

Chairperson: Corrie Mervyn

Time Keeper: MC Rothhorn

**Present:** Sondos Al-Hachim-Parent, Effie Alofoje-Carr-GSC/LLG, Jessica Baker-Parent, Wendy Boyce-GSC/GPGS, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, Alexis Clark-ICHHD, Camiah Dear-Parent, Kristen Donnelly-HUB/IHP, Kendra Gibbs-Eaton RESA, Nicole Greiter-Willow Tree/Dansville Schools, Deb Hill-CACS, Fran Jozefowicz-CEI-CMH, Jaimie Kishkorn-Parent, Bonnie Lennox-IISD, Laurie Linscott-MSU CDC, Travis Neller-ERESA, Michelle Nicholson-IISD/Early On, Trevor Raein-Parent, Sarah Riggs-Parent, MC Rothhorn-Parent Coordinator, Thais Rousseau-Capital Area District Library, Nola Schramm-ICHHD, Jodi Spicer-IISD/Ingham Healthy Families, Casey Sterle-Leslie Schools, Stephanie Thelen-IISD

### **Introductions and Inclusion Activity**

- Line up by the timeline according to the year you became involved in the GSC.
- Collapse the line into two parallel lines of veteran and new members and pair off.
- Veteran member share an event, project activity from the GSC work that has been influential in their work or life and why.
- New member share what you believe is a current greatest strength of the GSC OR what attracted you to become involved in the GSC.

A motion was made and accepted to approve the 10/14/15 Agenda and the 9/16/15 Meeting Notes as stated. As a reminder, GSC Notes are emailed, with the respective meeting reminder, each month—as well as posted on the GSC Website, <http://inghamgreatstart.org/gsc-birth-to-five-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>.

### **II. Norm of Collaboration - Pausing**

Each month, we introduce and practice a Norm of Collaboration, striving for effective communication. One goal is that GSC Members will share and use the Norms not only during GSC meetings, but within their own organizations as well. The Norm introduced at the October meeting was...

#### **2. Pausing . . .**

*“I am waiting a minute to allow time to think first.”*

*(Pausing before responding and/or asking a question allows for think time for yourself and others.)*

Research indicates it may take 3-5 seconds to process higher-level thoughts. By pausing and giving wait time, both internal and external processors are given opportunity to reflect, analyze, and construct ideas.

### **III. Target Groups - Quality and Gaps**

Groups assigned a note taker and time keeper. Groups reviewed Notes from the August Shared Agenda and discussed the following questions:

1. What progress has been made on the actions of the focused Activity(ies)? Based on progress made, what are next steps?
2. Is there a champion doing this work that should be contacted and/or invited to GSC meetings?

The notes from Target Group work during the meeting can be found on the Shared Agenda of each group at <http://inghamgreatstart.org/gsc-birth-to-five-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>.

**IV. Spotlight** - Members of the Local Leadership Group (LLG), one of the workgroups of Ingham GSC, plan to share information regarding the relationship between the workgroup, Ingham GSC, and home visiting. Updates on the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) projects of the workgroup will also be shared.

LLG Coordinator, Effie Alofoje-Carr, and LLG Parent Ambassador, Jessica Baker, shared information regarding the LLG.

- The LLG meets monthly.
- One goal is to get parents more involved and strengthen programs for families, which will be done through parent cafes and other outreach events.
- There is an opportunity for networking and various levels of engagement, including leadership.
- The LLG has worked on a CQI project to increase the number of required recommended partners; and is currently focused on a second CQI project to increase enrollment and retention of families receiving home visiting services. Some activities under this project include professional development opportunities for home visitors and developing a home visit continuum.
- The LLG gathered data about home visiting through surveys available at summer outreach events. The data from these surveys plans to be shared at the next LLG meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at Harley Franks Early Childhood Center.

Parents who recently attend the Parents Partnering for Change training shared what they learned and the high points of the training. GSC Members were invited to attend the next LLG meeting and become involved in the work of the LLG.

#### **V. General Updates**

- Stepping Up Together plans to offer a free money management class for all pregnant and parenting teens, which is scheduled for Thursdays beginning October 22 through November 12, 2015, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. at Willow Tree Family Center. For more information, contact Travis Neller at 517-927-4106 or [tneller@eatonresa.org](mailto:tneller@eatonresa.org). The focus of this class is finance and money, credit, applying for loans, growing your money, etc. Childcare and transportation are provided.
- Notice, the November GSC meeting has been rescheduled to November 18, 2015.
- The next GSC Orientation is scheduled for December 9, 2015, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. Note, the Orientation will take the place of the regularly scheduled GSC meeting for December.

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