

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Notes, August 10, 2016, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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

I. Welcome and Working Agreements

Co-Chairs: Jessica Baker and Effie Alofoje-Carr
Osterhouse

Time Keeper: Kristen

Present: Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG, Jessica Baker-Parent, Barbara Ball-McClure-MSU College of Human Medicine, Wendy Boyce-IISD, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, Missy Challiss-ICHHD/MIHP, Dorothy Cooks-IISD/GPGS, Kristen Donnelly-IHP/CareHub, Kae Dubay-Parent, Claretta Duckett-Freeman-Willow Tree Family Center, Nicole Greiter-Dansville Schools/Willow Tree, Pat Hemmingway-CAUW, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Corrie Mervyn-IISD/GSRP, Travis Neller-Eaton RESA, Michelle Nicholson-IISD, Kristen Osterhouse-Cyber Education Center, Thais Rousseau-CADL, MC Rothhorn-Parent Coordinator, Jodi Spicer-ISD/Ingham Healthy Families, Stephanie Thelen-IISD, Ebony Thomas-DRM, Dana Watson-ICHHD, Jamie Yeomans-Parent

Ingham GSC members were reminded to complete the evaluation tool available at each meeting. Completing the evaluation provides valuable feedback regarding meeting planning and effectiveness, Spotlight presentations, etc.

The 8/10/16 Meeting Agenda and 6/8/16 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

II. Inclusion activity - Today's Parent Café question *"What is your experience with power struggles between parents and children?"* is similar to a question that might be asked and discussed at an actual Parent Café. Questions are centered on five protective factors that make a family strong. Dialogue regarding parenting power struggles took place within individual Target Groups.

III. Spotlight - Between Meetings...

Due to difficulties, Chris Singer was not able to join the GSC meeting via technology; however, the digital media used by Ingham GSC was shared. Digital media includes the inghamgreatstart.org website and [Ingham GSC Facebook](#). Highlighted was the alignment between the GSC meetings/Target Group work, the website, and the Facebook page.

IV. Target Groups - Quality and Gaps

- A. Assign note taker and time keeper.
- B. Review Notes from GSC Shared Agendas and discuss the following questions:
 1. Thinking about how Ingham GSC uses digital media, what is the alignment with your Target Group's activities?
 2. How does this inform current action steps?
 3. Which progress measure will you take action on before the next meeting?

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/>.

V. Celebrations!!

MC Rothhorn has served in the role of parent liaison with the Ingham GSC since 2008. MC has slowly transitioned out of his role as parent liaison with the Ingham GSC and has accepted a position as Finance Director of the MSU Housing Coop. MC was honored at today's meeting with an engraved silver coffee carafe and table runner signed by Ingham GSC members. Thank you for your dedicated service to families, MC!

VI. General Updates

- **August 22 - 26, 2016** - [8th Annual Back to School Health Fair](#), at Ingham County Health Department. Mobile Learning Adventure available August 24, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **September 17, 2016** - [Teddy Bear Picnic](#), 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. at MSU Clinical Center. Contact [Barbara Ball-McClure](#) for additional information.
- Ingham Early Learning Calendar - A School Readiness Advisory Committee subgroup, led by Capital Area District Library (CADL), has worked to develop this calendar. The calendar includes activities birth to five years of age that promote school readiness; and funding will be provided by CADL, East Lansing Library, and MSUFCU. Calendars are anticipated to be printed in October and distributed on an ongoing basis.

***The next GSC meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2016,
from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church.***

Visit the Ingham GSC website at www.InghamGreatStart.org for Agendas, Minutes, Meeting Calendars, Ingham Early Childhood Action Agenda, and more.

Check out our Facebook Page at <http://www.facebook.com/InghamGreatStart>