

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Notes, October 12, 2016, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

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

I. Welcome and Working Agreements

Chair: Fran Jozefowicz

Time Keeper: Corrie Mervyn

Present: Effie Alofoje-Carr, Jessica Baker-Parent, Barbara Ball-McClure-MSU College of Human Medicine, Wendy Boyce-IISD, Monica Cena-Parent, Missy Challiss-ICHHD/MIHP, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, Dorothy Cooks-IISD, Kiel Darling-Food Bank Central Michigan, Nicole Greiter-Dansville Schools/Willow Tree, Fran Jozefowicz-CMH, Bonnie Lennox-IISD, Corrie Mervyn-IISD/GSRP, Barb Monroe-OYC CRC, Michelle Nicholson-IISD, Thais Rousseau-CADL, Nola Schramm, ICHHD/NFP, Emily Stevens-Lansing Parks & Rec., Stephanie Thelen-IISD, Dana Watson-ICHHD

The 10/12/16 Meeting Agenda was approved and the 9/14/16 Meeting Notes were approved with one change: Target Group work for the 9/14/16 Meeting included the Voice and Connections Groups rather than the Quality and Gaps Groups as stated.

II. Inclusion Activity – Parent Café Question

Today's Parent Café question "*How do you create a positive relationship with your children's providers?*" is similar to a question that might be asked and discussed at an actual Parent Café.

Questions are centered on the five protective factors that make a family strong. Today's question originates from the Relationships Social Connections protective factor. Dialogue regarding today's question took place within each Target Group.

III. FY17 Strategic Planning Process

A. Importance of systems approach/ system characteristics

B. Review of timeline

Ingham GSC is preparing for the strategic planning process, which includes using the ABL Change Framework to review the early childhood system, themes, root causes, and to develop strategies. GSC staff will participate in monthly coaching sessions; while GSC members will have an opportunity to participate in webinars and data analysis. The webinar held on 10/3/16 covered the importance of using a systems approach in the strategic planning process. A link to view this recorded webinar can be found at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7187345160471657220>. New to the strategic planning process is the development and use of a "Developmental Pathway." The recorded webinar covering the "Developmental Pathway" can be found at the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8049755902276793347>. During the FY2018-20 strategic plan process (due 9/15/2017), members will also be working on year three of the current Strategic Plan.

III. Target Groups – Quality and Gaps

A. Assign note taker and time keeper.

B. Review Target Group Action Agenda, including Goal, Objective and Activities.

1. Considering Ingham GSC is going into the third year of our current Strategic Plan, and will be in the Strategic Planning process in FY17, what progress has been made in accomplishing Activities and moving the needle on the Goal and Objective of the Target Group?

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V. Sharing and discussion of accomplishments/progress from current Strategic Plan

GSC members shared their thoughts regarding the process of reviewing Target Group work.

- It is difficult to measure the impact of successes.
- A review of the data gathered at today's meeting was requested in advance of the November GSC meeting.
- It was suggested that while reviewing the next steps, we should discuss where to focus our time and energy going forward on what is realistic.

VI. General Updates

- **2017 Meeting Dates** - Due to scheduling conflicts with upcoming ABL Change training sessions and Statewide MIHV LLG meetings, GSC meetings will be changed to the third Wednesday of each month—effective January, 2017. A schedule of GSC meeting dates is listed below:
 - January 18, 2017
 - February 15, 2017
 - March 15, 2017
 - April 19, 2017
 - May 17, 2017
 - June 21, 2017
 - July 19, 2017
 - Aug 16, 2017
 - September 20, 2017
- **10/1/16 Teddy Bear Picnic** – This year's event was a success, with approximately 900 people in attendance, in spite of a date change and inclement weather. Barbara Ball McClure thanks everyone who participated. There is discussion regarding interest in hosting Teddy Bear picnics in Flint and Marquette.
- **SNAP Benefits** – Kiel Darling is available through the F.O.R. (Food and Other Resources) Helpline to assist families with help in completing applications for SNAP benefits, finding food pantries and referral to other resources. The Helpline is modeled after a program in Flint. Contact [Kiel](#) or call the helpline at 1-888-544-8773.
- **Early Learning Calendar** – Should be available for distribution in November. Discussion is taking place on ways to reach families who are not currently connected to early learning resources.
- **Great Start to Quality Central Resource Center** – Training for childcare providers on the McKinney Vento Act is being offered. UCLA Health Literacy materials are available, and Barb Monroe will distribute to those who are interested.

The next GSC meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2016, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church.

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