

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Notes, January 18, 2017, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

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

I. Welcome and Working Agreements

Chair: Lucy McClintic

Present: Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG Coordinator & Parent, Jessica Baker-Parent, Barbara Ball-McClure-MSU College of Human Medicine, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD, Missy Challiss-ICHD MIHP, Lisa Chambers-ICHD/FOS, Cassandra Church-One Love Global, Dorothy Cooks-Ingham ISD/GPGS, Amy Drahota-MSU Psychology, Kae Dubay-Parent, Irene Gonzalez-Blue Cross Complete, Nicole Greiter-Dansville Schools/Willow Tree, Pat Hemingway-CAUW, Fran Jozefowicz-CMH, Laurie Linscott-MSU CDL, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Tricia McKay-LCC, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD, Barb Monroe-OYC Central Resource Center, Christina Redmond-DHHS, Thais Rousseau-CADL, Nola Schramm-ICHD NFP, Rycheous Stevens-Parent, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Micaela Womack-DRM Healthcare

The 1/18/17 Meeting Agenda and 12/14/16 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

II. Inclusion Activity – Parent Café Question

Today's Parent Café question *"What is the difference between assisting and helping someone? Which do you prefer? Why?"* is 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 is from the category—Concrete Support in Times of Need, and was discussed by elbow partners within Outcome Groups.

III. Development Pathway Visual

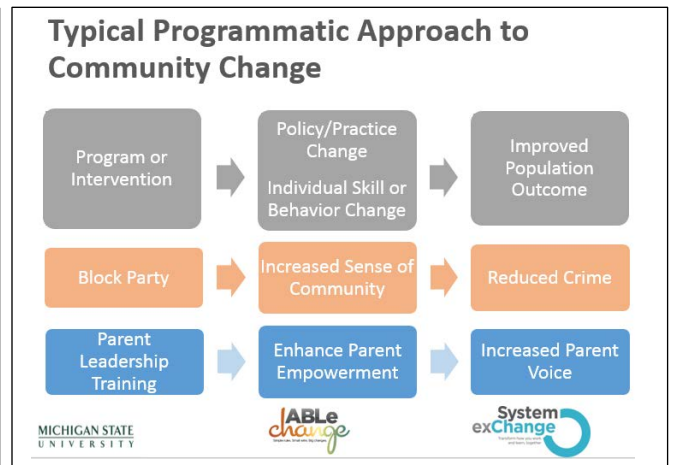
The most up-to-date Developmental Pathway Visual was shared with members. The Development Pathway is a tool used to target efforts in strategic planning, and helps our community see how data indicators align with the four Michigan Early Childhood Outcomes. The Services Continuum focuses on the reach of services related to the prioritized indicators. The Developmental Pathway was used today as a resource for System Scan conversations.

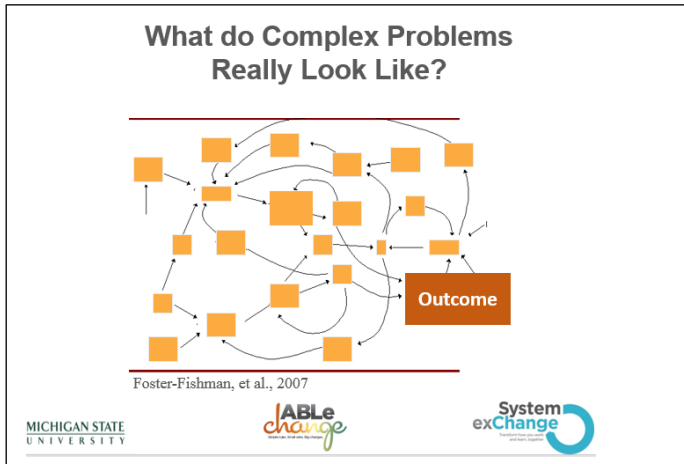
IV. Introduction to System Scanning/Systems Approach

The importance and purpose of a system's approach and the System Scanning process was explained to members. The following slides were shared with members to lay the foundation of the system scan.

Purpose

- **Continue Conversations** to understand how local conditions are impacting children with the 4 Early Childhood Outcomes
- **Identify Next Steps**
- **Inform Action:**
 - Guide our next round of strategic planning
 - Inform local funders of the successes to date, the challenges ahead, next steps





V. System Scan Conversation

Members met in Outcome Groups to participate in a System Scan on the targeted problem of their particular Group. Members recorded their answers to questions regarding the “What” and “Why” of specific system characteristic issues related to their targeted problem.

- Outcome 1 = infant mortality rate and access to prenatal care
- Outcome 2 = rate of children in foster care and preventing child abuse and neglect
- Outcome 3 = kindergarten literacy benchmarks and attendance

Next Steps:

- Data from today’s GSC System Scan will be captured in an Excel document.
- Data will be sorted. The sorting process begins during the next Operations Committee meeting on 2/2/17 at 2:30 p.m., ICHD Conference Room B. Anyone interested is invited to attend.
- GSC staff will participate in a two-day ABLe Change training for guidance and instruction to specifically begin looking at themes with common issues.
- Focus groups may be scheduled in February with those who are not able to attend GSC meetings, but may have important connections to some of the deeper data.
- Michelle plans to facilitate an abbreviated System Scan on Outcome 4 (third grade reading) at the next Curriculum Directors’ Meeting.

VI. General Updates

- **Trusted Advisor Grant Opportunity:** Family Coalitions (through their GSCs) in Michigan will have an opportunity to apply for this Grant through Race To The Top funding. A Trusted Advisor could be either a person or an organization with a connection to hard-to-reach families for outreach purposes. Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$60,000, and the grant application should be available in February.
- A question was raised regarding Every Student Succeeds Act, and how it relates to early childhood. Michigan Department of Education (MDE) hosted forums in 2016 to share more information. MDE continues to discuss how Early Childhood will be incorporated into the Act. More information can be found at <https://www.ed.gov/essa?src=ft>.
- Round Three of Quality Improvement Grants are now available, and providers who are eligible can apply again. Many providers in Ingham County will be awarded grants.

The next GSC meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2017, from 1:00 – 3:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church.

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