

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Notes, March 15, 2017, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

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

I. Welcome and Working Agreements

Chair: Fran Jozefowicz Time Keeper: Barb Monroe

Present: Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG Coordinator & Parent, Jessica Baker-Parent, Barbara Ball-McClure-MSU College of Human Medicine, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD, Missy Challis-ICHD MIHP, Lisa Chambers-ICHD, Dorothy Cooks-Ingham ISD/GPGS, Kae Dubay-Parent, Nicole Greiter-Dansville Schools/Willow Tree Family Center, Fran Jozefowicz-CMH, Barb Monroe-OYC Central Resource Center, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/Early On, Thais Rousseau-CADL, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD

The 3/15/17 Meeting Agenda and 2/15/17 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

II. Inclusion Activity – Parent Café Question

Today's Parent Café question was from "Concrete Support in Times of Need" Protective Factor - *"What are some of the steps needed to solve problems with access to services?"* GSC Members shared responses with elbow partners.

III. FY2017 Strategic Planning

A System Scan was conducted on Outcome 4 with the Curriculum Directors on 3/1/17, in which eleven of the twelve local school districts were represented. The prioritized data from that System Scan was used to develop Labels and Goal Descriptors, which were used along with the Labels and Goal Descriptors from Outcomes 1 through 3 System Scans, to prioritize at today's GSC Meeting. The prioritization process was based upon the following criteria:

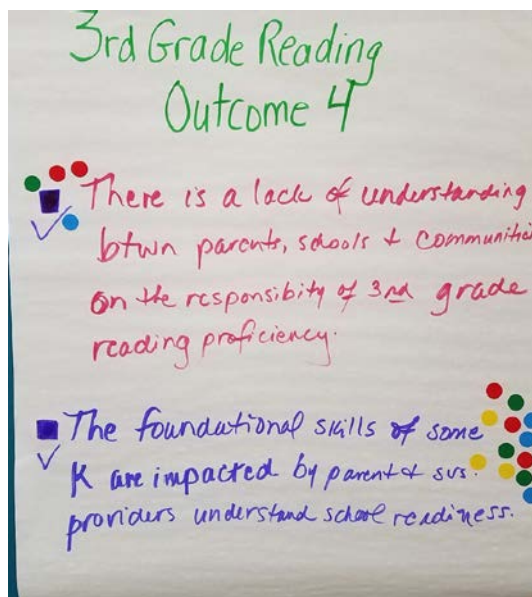
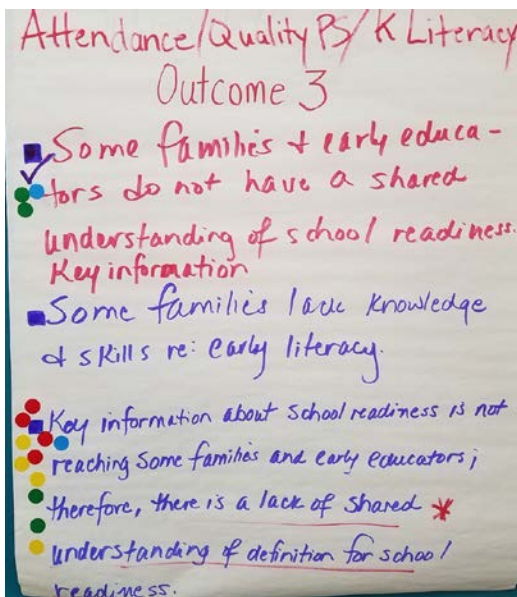
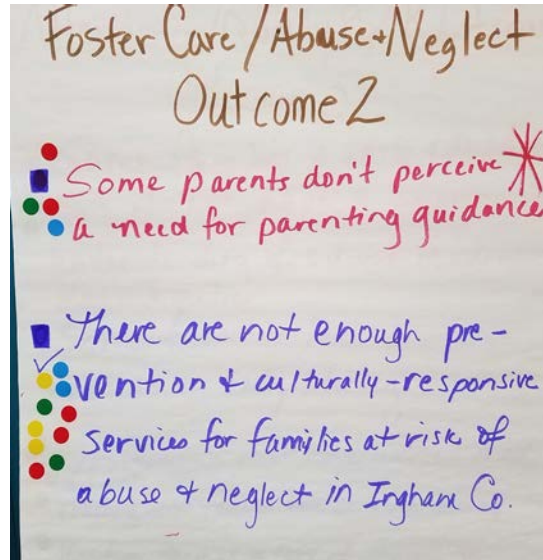
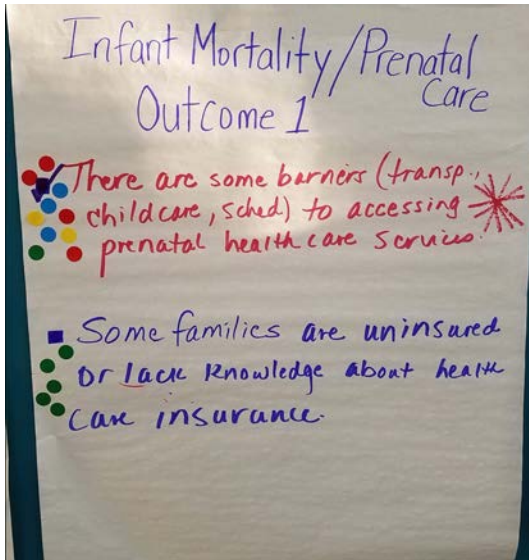
- **Powerful**
 - Does the Label have a big influence on the ability to get kids ready for school and work toward the other early childhood outcomes?
 - Does it affect multiple settings and/or individuals?
 - Is the Label something families might think is important?
 - Does the Label address inequities in our community?

- **Feasible**
 - Is the Label within the GSC's scope of work?
 - Does the Label allow the GSC to build capacity to address the issue?
 - Are community partners motivated to address the issue?

Members worked individually to identify priorities for each Outcome by completing the Prioritization Worksheet based upon "Powerful/Feasible" criteria. Members from each small group then discussed their individual priority, and worked together to identify a group priority. Groups shared their number one priority for each Outcome with all members, and priorities were recorded on chart paper. Members then voted on their number one priority for each Outcome using the "dot" method. (If more than one member of an organization was present, per GSC Organizing Statements, that organization cast their votes as one entity.) After the voting process, members shared observations regarding identified issues and if/how different sectors may have voted differently.

Priority Votes by Member and/or Organization

KEY: Parent = Red ● Education = Blue ● Health = Green ● Community = Yellow ●



Next Steps

- An additional Outcome 4 System Scan is planned on 3/21/17 with the county-wide Literacy Steering Committee.
- A family survey was distributed to targeted groups to gain a deeper understanding of why families choose to participate or not participate in programs, supports, and services.
- Root Cause Analysis of Prioritized Labels is scheduled for the April GSC Meeting.

IV. Target Group Work

Target Group work was postponed due to the focus on Strategic Planning.

V. General Updates

- **3/19/17 - [Literacy Celebration Stage Show](#)**, featuring activities, storybook characters, and a stage show is scheduled for March 19, 2017, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Hannah Community Center in East Lansing. In honor of March is Reading Month, early childhood literacy events are happening throughout the month at CADL locations.
- **3/20/17 – CMH [Community Mental Health Breakfast](#)** is scheduled for March 20, 2017, at 8:00 a.m., at the Lansing Center. Featured speaker is Mr. Derrick Clark, who grew up in the foster care system and overcame barriers and abuse, will share his motivational message of courage, hope and perseverance. Contact [Aleshia Echols](mailto:Aleshia.Echols@ceicmh.org) at echols@ceicmh.org for details.
- **3/21/17 – Family Coalition Parent Café Meet and Greet** is scheduled for March 21, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Family Growth Center, 549 Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. Refreshments and quality childcare will be provided. For additional information, contact Jessica Baker at inghamgscparents@gmail.com.
- **4/12/17 – [Perinatal Mood Disorders II Training](#)** is scheduled for April 12, 2017, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., at Grace United Methodist Church, Lansing. Contact Effie Alofoje-Carr inghamllg@gmail.com for details.
- **4/25/17 - C3R-Parents Speak** is a community forum planned for the purpose of addressing needs and identifying barriers (i.e. transportation, housing, child care, etc.) for student parents to attend college, and for developing recommendations for community action around these issues, as well as the issue of funding. Contact Michelle Nicholson mnichols@inghamisd.org or Wendy Boyce wboyce@inghamisd.org for more information.
- **LLG CQI Data Needed ASAP** – If you have not yet submitted LLG CQI data, please contact Effie Alofoje-Carr inghamllg@gmail.com.
- **Joint Preschool Outreach Materials** – Contact Wendy Boyce wboyce@inghamisd.org for posters or postcard pads to display and share with families. The 2017-18 Preschool Application is available online.

***The next GSC meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2017,
1:00 – 3:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church.***

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