

# Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Notes, April 19, 2017, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

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

## I. Welcome and Working Agreements

Chair: Lucy McClintic      Time Keeper: Corrie Mervyn

**Present:** Sondos Al-Hachim-Student & Parent, Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG Coordinator & Parent, Jessica Baker-Parent, Barbara Ball-McClure-MSU College of Human Medicine, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD, Missy Challiss-ICHHD MIHP, Dorothy Cooks-Ingham ISD/GPGS, Kae Dubai-Parent, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD/GSRP, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/Early On, Thais Rousseau-CADL, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD

The 4/19/17 Meeting Agenda and 3/15/17 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

## II. Inclusion Activity – Parent Café Question

Today's Parent Café question was from the Strengthening Families Framework Protective Factor - Social and Emotional Competence of Children - *"How has the world changed for children since you were a child?"* GSC Members shared responses with elbow partners.

## III. Responsibility – GSRP Community Needs Assessment and Application

The GSRP Community Needs Assessment and Application determines how many GSRP slots Ingham will request from MDE. According to data, two-thirds of 4-year-old children in Ingham County are currently eligible for GSRP. Ingham will request additional slots to try to increase the capacity of programs to operate GSRP in areas with a large number of children on the wait list. Lucy McClintic motioned to approve and Effie Alofoje-Carr seconded the motion with no opposition to approve.

### 2017-18 Need and Capacity

- According to ACS data, this is the number of four-year-old children from families who live at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level residing within the ISD: **2,490**
- Number of 4 year olds served exclusively in Head Start in 2016-17: **206**
- Number of children eligible for GSRP: **2,284**
- Program requesting to serve **1,263** children in 2017-2018
- Ingham ISD will request to serve **1,353**

### Process to Choose Sub recipients and Award Slots

- Priority for 30% of total slots to be awarded to Community Based Organizations (Ingham currently at 27%)
- Competitive process with guidelines set by Michigan Department of Education and developed by the Ingham GSRP Advisory Council for potential new sites and existing sites to maintain slots and request expansion
- Competitive elements include:
  - Community Need for GSRP (other available programs, number of children served)
  - Program Quality (Measured by Program Quality Assessment (PQA) and The Great Start to Quality)
  - Program Options (Collecting data on family needs and adjusting as necessary)
  - Approved and Licensed Sites
  - Transportation Options (Collecting data on family needs and adjusting as necessary)
  - Grant Reporting (Completed accurately and timely)

## IV. FY17 Strategic Planning – Root Cause Analysis of Prioritized Labels

GSC Members worked in Outcome groups to review problems, Goal Descriptors, and Labels. Guidance was given on identifying Root Causes and prioritizing Root Causes using the "Powerful and Feasible" criteria. An example of Root Cause Analysis, using the Washington Monument, was shared. Outcome groups then worked to identify initial Root Causes, reviewed other Outcome Group Root Causes to look for similarities, prioritized one to two Root Causes, and "dug deeper" on those prioritized Root Causes to answer "why is this (problem) happening in Ingham County or with a particular group of people?"

Strategy development around prioritized Root Causes is the next step in the Strategic Planning process, and planned for the May GSC Meeting.

#### V. Target Group Work

Gaps and Quality Target Groups met to review activities, progress made, and next steps.

#### VI. General Updates

- **4/20/17 – “Resilience: The Biology of Stress & The Science of Hope”** - The Lansing Exchange Club and Michigan ACE Initiative are collaborating to show a free screening of this documentary at Celebration Cinema on Edgewood Blvd at 1:30 p.m. Facilitated discussion will follow the screening regarding what may be happening in Michigan with the ACEs Study. For additional information or to register, visit [www.lansingacesscreening.eventbrite.com](http://www.lansingacesscreening.eventbrite.com).
- **4/25/17 – C3R-Parents Speak Forum** is scheduled in the Health and Human Services building at LCC from 4:00-6:30 p.m. The purpose is to increase awareness on barriers (i.e. transportation, housing, child care, etc.) for student parents to attend college, and for developing recommendations for community action around these issues. Contact Michelle Nicholson [mnichols@inghamisd.org](mailto:mnichols@inghamisd.org) or Wendy Boyce [wboyce@inghamisd.org](mailto:wboyce@inghamisd.org) for more information.
- **5/6/17 – The Greater Lansing Baby Fair** will be held at the Lansing Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is free to the public. [www.lansingbabyfair.com](http://www.lansingbabyfair.com)
- **Trusted Advisor’s Grant** - The purpose of this competitive grant is to engage hard-to-reach families, with children ages 0-5, regarding early learning and development. The grant application is due May 5, 2017, with funding awards ranging from \$5,000 - \$60,000. Information was shared regarding how grant funds would be used if awarded (i.e. translating school readiness materials in several languages, partnering with Lansing School District and Head Start to provide the Trusted Advisor, interpreting school readiness messages to families, etc.). More information will follow.
- **Work Group Update** - Thais Rousseau reported the Ingham Early Learning Calendar has been widely distributed throughout the County in various ways. Out of the original order of 5,000 calendars, 725 calendars remain. Cedar Street Pediatrics will begin a pilot program to distribute Calendars to families during their child’s 18-month well visit appointment. Feedback regarding the Calendar, thus far, is that families like the Calendars and understand why the message is important.
- **Kids Count** data was shared. Data shows the rate of abuse and neglect in Ingham County continues to rise. Read more about Kid’s County Data at <http://www.mlpp.org/kids-count/michigan-2/2017-kids-count-in-michigan-data-book>
- **CACS Head Start** did not receive the grant recently applied for; rather the grant was given to Lake County, which has a significant number of families at risk.
- **LLG CQI Data Needed ASAP** – If home visiting supervisors have not yet submitted LLG CQI data, please contact Effie Alofoje-Carr [inghamllg@gmail.com](mailto:inghamllg@gmail.com).
- **Joint Preschool Outreach Materials** – Contact Wendy Boyce [wboyce@inghamisd.org](mailto:wboyce@inghamisd.org) for posters or postcard pads to display and share with families. The 2017-18 Preschool Application is available online at [www.inghampreschool.org](http://www.inghampreschool.org).

***The next GSC meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2017,  
1:00 – 3:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church.***

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