

# Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Notes, May 17, 2017, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

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

## I. Welcome and Working Agreements

Chair: Corrie Mervyn      Time Keeper: Jessica Baker

**Present:** Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG Coordinator & Parent, Jessica Baker-Parent, Kay Balcer-Balcer Consulting, Chris Blood-DHHS, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, Ann Cook-PNC Bank, Kristen Donnelly-IHP/Carehub, Kae Dubay-Parent, Michelle Goodman-CARE Program, Shannon Grant-MSU Parent Resource Center, Fran Jozefowicz-CMH, Lauren Kirk-CARE Program, Scott Koenigsnecht-Ingham ISD, Nichole Martin-DHHS, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD/GSRP, Barb Monroe-ICHHD CRC, Sara Randels-GUMC/Lansing Ministries, Kim Steed Page-MSU Parent Resource Center, Thais Rousseau-CADL, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Regina Traylor-ICHHD, Dana Watson-ICHHD

The 5/17/17 Meeting Agenda and 4/19/17 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

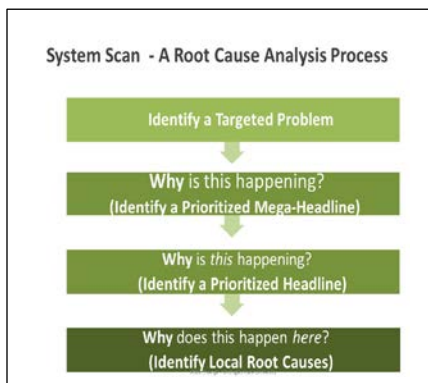
### Inclusion Activity – Parent Café Question

Today’s Parent Café question was from the Strengthening Families Framework Protective Factor – Concrete Support in Times of Need *“If money were not an issue and you could have whatever services for your family that you wanted, what would you have and why?”* GSC Members shared responses with elbow partners.

## II. FY Strategic Planning

**A. Root Cause Check In** – A brief recap was given of the strategic planning process, to date: GSC members reviewed quantitative data and prioritized indicators around the four Early Childhood Outcomes; conducted system scans to gather qualitative data; prioritized qualitative data to become Labels; and grouped the Labels into Goal Descriptors. At the April GSC Meeting, root cause analysis was done on the prioritized Labels by asking the questions *“why” – “why here, why with a particular geographic group of people?”* This process created Ingham GSC’s Pathway for Change with the goal of addressing root causes to better impact or target the problem.

At today’s GSC Meeting, members worked in Outcome groups to check the logic of the Pathway for Change and conduct a Sufficiency Test to identify if the root causes are meaningful enough to impact the targeted problem.



### Check Your Logic Using A Story

X is a problem in our community...

Because *(insert mega-headline)*.

This is happening because...*(insert headlines)*

### Sufficiency Test

Are the root causes you prioritized sufficient to change your headline?

If not...

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What additional root causes do you need to tackle as part of your “strategy package”?

B. **Strategy Development** – Kay Balcer, who contracts with ECIC to support Great Start Collaborative in the strategic planning process, joined today’s meeting to assist with strategy development. Kay reviewed the definition of a strategy, how to develop powerful strategies, how to use “disruptive thinking” to ideate strategies, and how to incorporate a social justice lens. Highlights of strategy development follow:

**Strategy**

Overarching **approach** to achieve your systems change objectives.

- A series of activities is taken to actually carry out any given strategy(ies)

**Example:**

- develop a simple, universal, online and hard copy application form families can use to enroll their children in local early childhood opportunities.

**Powerful Strategies**

- Disruptive Thinking
- Design Thinking
- Systems Thinking

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsa5OBhXz-Q>

**Disruptive Thinking**

I wonder what would happen if we...

**Family Independence Initiative**

**How Systems See Me**

- Single mom
- Section 8 housing resident
- Food stamp consumer
- Underemployed
- GED graduate
- 580 Credit Score

**How I See Myself**

- Mother of three A students
- Active member of my community
- Participant in a \$10,000 Lending Circle
- Entrepreneur paying back a small business loan
- Full Scholarship recipient
- 780 Initiative Score

**When to use disruptive thinking...**

- A situation needs to improve but...
  - Everyone is STUCK
  - Nothing has changed in a LONG TIME

**Ensure Reach**

Efforts will reach targeted children and families

**Ensure Benefits**

Efforts will benefit targeted children and families

**SOCIAL JUSTICE LENS**

Outcome groups shared a strategy their group is most excited about. Additional work to refine and strengthen strategies will be done at a future meeting.

### III. Target Group Work

Members transitioned to the Voice and Connections Target Groups to review activities, progress, and next steps. Notes from Target Group work can be found on the Ingham GSC website at <http://inghamgreatstart.org/gsc-birth-to-five-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>

### IV. General Updates

- **5/25/17 Maternal & Child Health Needs Assessment** – GSC members are invited to attend the 5/25/17 Infant Mortality Coalition Meeting to be part of the Maternal & Child Health Needs Assessment. The Assessment will provide a better understanding of maternal/child health needs of our community across the life course. This meeting will be held at the Ingham County Health Department from 1:30 – 3:30 in Conference Rooms D & E. RSVP to Emalie Karp at [ekarp@ingham.org](mailto:ekarp@ingham.org).
- **6/9/17 – 8/19/17 CADL Summer Reading Program** – Families are encouraged to sign up now. More information can be found at <https://cadl.beanstack.org/reader365>.
- **8/14/17 - 8/18/17 Back to School Health Fair** – For those who are interested in participating, the first planning meeting is scheduled for 5/31/17 at 8:30 am at the Ingham County Health Department.
- **Trusted Advisor’s Grant** – The GSC Family Coalition applied for the maximum amount (\$60,000) for this grant. If the Family Coalition is awarded the grant, funding will be used to translate school readiness materials, including the Ingham Early Learning Calendar and Kindergarten Readiness Packet, into multiple languages. Trusted Advisors will use translated materials to share messages about school readiness in locations where families currently come together. Grant award announcements are scheduled for mid-June.

**The next GSC meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2017,  
1:00 – 3:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church.**

Visit the Ingham GSC website at [www.InghamGreatStart.org](http://www.InghamGreatStart.org) for Agendas, Minutes, Meeting Calendars, Ingham Early Childhood Action Agenda, and more.  
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