

## Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Notes, November 15, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

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

### I. Welcome and Working Agreements

Chair: Fran Jozefowicz Time Keeper: Barb Monroe

**Present:** Sondos Al-Hachim-Islamic Center, Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Barbara Ball-McClure-MSU College of Human Medicine, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD, Missy Challiss-ICHHD/MIHP, Celeste Davison-ICHHD/NFP, Kae Dubai-Parent, Mari Garza-CADL, Kendra Gibbs-ERESA/Stepping Up Together, Fran Jozefowicz-CMH, Mary Machowicz-ICDH/CSHCS, Robert Mathis-State Bar of Michigan, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Barb Monroe-OYC/CRC, Emily Stevens-Lansing Parks & Rec, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Dana Watson-ICHHD/MCH, Janet Welch-State Bar of Michigan, Kim Zeiger-CMH

The 11/15/17 Meeting Agenda and 10/18/17 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

#### **Inclusion Activity – Parent Café Question**

Today's Parent Café question aligns with the Strengthening Families Protective Factor Social Connections *"What is your best experience in being part of a community?"* Members discussed their answers with elbow partners.

- II. **Spotlight** – Executive Director of the State Bar of Michigan, Janet Welch, shared information regarding legal issues and resources, along with the alignment of those issues and resources to the work of the Ingham GSC. Access the PowerPoint presentation at <http://inghamgreatstart.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/State-Bar-of-Michigan-PowerPoint-Presentation.pdf>.

### III. Outcome Groups

The following questions were used to guide discussion during Outcome group work time. Outcome group work can be found at <https://inghamgreatstart.org/gsc-birth-to-five-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>.

- A. How does the Spotlight (State Bar of Michigan) align with the Outcome group's activities?
- B. Identify which activity the Outcome group can focus efforts on during the first quarter. (Consider legislative opportunities, other local initiatives, Resources Needed from last GSC meeting.) Once activity is decided, continue to discuss and record next steps.
- C. Share progress made since the October GSC meeting and record next steps.

- IV. **Outcome Group Share-Out** – Outcome group facilitators rotated from group to group to share progress made and next steps.

### V. General Updates & Meeting Evaluation

- Great Start Collaboratives across the state of Michigan are participating in an evaluation process that will be used to determine the successes in each GSC and to determine progress made in Michigan's comprehensive early childhood system. The evaluation report will consist of a state-wide summary

as well as individualized local evaluations. In September, Ingham Operations members brainstormed answers to the statement “*For a GSC to be successful, a specific achievement would...*” Responses to this question were collected from GSCs throughout the state and used to develop the evaluation. Ingham GSC plans to notify members of the upcoming survey when it is released.

- Ingham GSC recently applied for the second round of the Trusted Advisors Grant. This grant is currently being used to fund the translation of messages regarding school readiness, including the Kindergarten Readiness Packet and the Ingham Early Learning Calendar into seven different languages. If additional funds are awarded, it could be used to translate preschool outreach materials, and possibly third grade reading information for families.
- There are still slots available for tuition-free preschool for families with children who will turn 4 by December 1, 2017, and meet income eligibility guidelines (i.e. family of 4 = income at or below \$61,500—or 250% of federal poverty rate). More information can be found at [inghampreschool.org](http://inghampreschool.org).
- **11/30/17** – The Ingham GSC 32p Year-End Report is due. Information to complete this report will include progress made on Activities pulled from the Action Agenda.
- **12/5/17** - [Stepping Up Together](#) will host a teen parenting playgroup from 4:30-6:00pm at Harley Franks. Both moms and dads are encouraged to attend. RSVP in advance.
- **12/13/17** - [Stepping Up Together](#) is hosting a teen parenting holiday party from 4:30-6:30pm at the Lansing Central Free Methodist Church, 828 N. Washington Avenue in Lansing. Activities and treats will be provided, along with gifts for teens and their children. Please rsvp if you know of any teens who might be interested in attending, if you would like to volunteer, or you or your organization would like to contribute to gift baskets. (Teens are especially in need of diapers.)

***The next GSC meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2018  
1:00 – 3:00 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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