

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Notes, January 10, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

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

I. Welcome and Working Agreements

Chair: Barb Monroe Time Keeper: Jessica Baker

Present: Sondos Al-Hachim-Islamic Center, Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, Kae Dubay-Parent, Susi Elkins-WKAR, Nicole Greiter-GSRP/Ingham ISD, Scott Koenigs knecht-Ingham ISD, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Corrie Mervyn-GSRP/Ingham ISD, Barb Monroe-OYC/CRC, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD, Karen Phillips-CACS Head Start, Shelly Proebstle-Ingham ISD, Laura Spees-CACS Head Start, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD,

The 1/10/18 Meeting Agenda was approved with one change: Agenda Item III was presented before Agenda Item II. The 11/15/17 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

Inclusion Activity – Parent Café Question

Today's Parent Café question aligns with the Strengthening Families Protective Factor Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development – *Where does literacy learning occur?* Members discussed this topic with elbow partners.

II. Responsibility – GSRP Community Needs Assessment & Application (CNA)

Corrie Mervyn presented information regarding the FY19 Application by explaining the "Need and Capacity" within the Ingham ISD catchment area. The number of four-year-old children from families who live at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (in Ingham County) is [2,465](#).

- Number of 4 year olds served exclusively in Head Start in 2017-18: [580](#)
- Number of children eligible for GSRP: [1,885](#)
 - Ingham ISD will request to serve [1,885 children in 2018-2019](#) and try to increase the capacity of programs to operate GSRP in areas where we have children on the waitlist and/or a larger population of eligible children and work to recruit them to the program.
 - Ingham ISD GSRP programs are serving [1,212 children in 17-18](#).
 - GSRP and Head Start are currently serving 73% of the total population of 4-year-old children under 250% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Corrie Mervyn asked for a motion of endorsement for the Application:

The GSC assures the proposal builds the program/service capacity needed in the community and is part of an integrated delivery system. The GSC "endorses" the ISD that partners with the GSC in strategic efforts to provide high-quality preschool, fostering school readiness and life success for children residing within the GSC region.

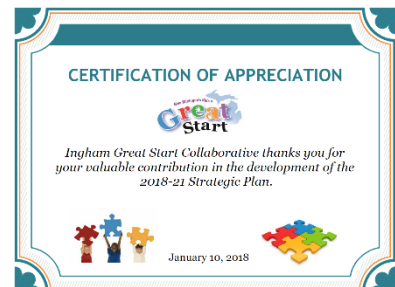
On behalf of GSC members, Lucy McClintic motioned endorsement of the GSRP Community Needs Assessment & Application, and the motion was accepted.

III. **Spotlight – 3rd Grade Reading Law: Shelly Proebstle, Literacy Consultant, Ingham Intermediate School.** Shelly provided valuable information regarding the importance of literacy skills in both school success and in life; an overview of the 3rd Grade Reading Law—including data concerning Michigan’s literacy rankings on a national level; the number(s) of children scoring “not proficient” on MSTEP assessments statewide and in Ingham County specifically; educating the public and families on the 3rd Grade Reading Law; and information about reading improvement plans to assist children/families with literacy needs. The PowerPoint can be found at <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1w0n7Z749qY5i23bIRRslzff9zSSfAxeKVKPttcRrq0/present?ueb=true&slide=id.p4>

GSC members responded to Shelly’s presentation with questions and concerns:

- *What about using a preschool screener?*
 - There are five districts currently using the screener for early literacy. You might see more and more organizations use these screeners over time.
- *Who pays for the literacy support?*
 - School aid—which is minimal—and districts match those funds.
- *What happens when a parent thinks it's the school/teacher's job to teach their child to read?*
 - The child would still be put on a reading improvement plan.
- *What if a child is put on a plan and is not progressing?*
 - The child continues to receive reading support, which may include after-school services. (There is currently a 90-minute block for reading instruction built into instruction, with an additional 30-minute block for those who are having difficulty.)
- *What happens to the reading instruction (improvement plan) during the summer months?*
 - Legislation recommends schools provide summer services. The challenge is funding; while the trickier issue is how to get students to school in the summer. Some schools are looking at implementing a balanced calendar.
- Corrie Mervyn is serving on an ELA task force and steering committee that is working to create a state-wide data system so when a child moves out of an early care setting, the data would follow that child.

Celebration – Feedback regarding the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan was shared with GSC members. Peer review comments and suggestions were positive. Michelle Nicholson thanked GSC members for their hard work in preparation and implementation of the Plan going forward. Certificates of Appreciation and treats were provided.



IV. 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 GSRP CNAAs align with the Outcome Groups activities?
- B. How does the 3rd Grade Reading Law align with the Outcome group's activities? (15 minutes total for questions A and B)
- C. What progress has been made on the Outcome group's activities and what data/information do you have to show progress (refer to performance measures)? (15 minutes)
- D. Is the Outcome Group ready to move to an additional activity? (10 minutes)

V. **Outcome Group Share-Out** – GSC Members rotated from group to group to hear progress made and next steps.

VI. General Updates & Meeting Evaluation

- **January 25, 2018** - Family Coalition Meeting, 6:00–8:00 pm at the Family Growth Center. RSVP in advance for childcare. Contact Jessica Baker inghamgscparents@gmail.com or 517/899-4754 for additional information or for a flyer to share with families.
- **January 31, 2018** – A reminder to complete the GSC Evaluation survey by this date if you have not already done so. Your feedback is very much appreciated!
- **Family Growth Center**
 - January newsletters were shared at today's meeting. Please contact Kathy Kelly kathykelly@childandfamily.org for electronic copies of newsletters.
 - The East Lansing site on Harrison Road is now closed. The Mt Hope site in Lansing is open for drop-in care Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-11:30 am and 1:30-4:00 pm.
- **Great Start to Quality** - [Brochures](https://www.greatstarttoquality.org/families) are available for families at <https://www.greatstarttoquality.org/families>. Contact Barb Monroe bjmonroe@ingham.org for a supply.
- Members were asked to share a feeling word that describes how they felt about today's meeting. Members responded with positive, energized, interesting, encouraged and excited.

***The next GSC meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2018
1:00 – 3:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church.***

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