

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Agenda, May 16, 2018, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

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

I. Welcome and Working Agreements

Chair: Lucy McClintic **Time Keeper:** Kathy Vogel

Present: Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG, Kemi Alomo-CACS Head Start, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD, Missy Challiss-ICHD-MIHP, Lisa Chambers-ICHD-FOS, Kae Dubay-Parent, Mari Garza-CADL, Kendra Gibbs-ERESA MIAAP), Debbie Jones-30th Judicial Court, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Barb Monroe-Great Start to Quality CRC, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD, Theresa Pittington-Cristo-Rey, Robin Pizzo-WKAR, Christina Redmond-MDHHS, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Kathy Vogel-CMH, Dian Warren-Midland ESA, Dana Watson-ICHD-Strong Start Healthy Start, Marcy West-Cristo-Rey, Robin Zeiter-Office of Great Start

The 5/16/18 Meeting Agenda and 4/18/18 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

Inclusion Activity - Parent Café Question

Today's Parent Café question aligns with the Strengthening Families Resiliency Protective Factor – *“Is change a good thing or a bad thing? How do you handle change?”* Members discussed this question with elbow partners.

II. Action Agenda Update Process

Funding protocol requires the GSC to submit a yearly work plan and budget in the fall. The work plan includes strategies from the Action Agenda. Over the coming months, the GSC will review and update the Action Agenda to assess how and if stakeholders (families most effected and providers who have most impact) are engaged, any major changes in the early childhood system or community, and how Action Agenda implementation is progressing. The Action Agenda will be updated accordingly. Below is verbiage regarding funding.

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Each intermediate school district (ISD) or consortium of ISDs that receives funding must convene a local GSC and a GSPC to ensure the coordination and expansion of local early childhood infrastructure and programs that allow every child in the community to achieve the early childhood outcomes:

- (a) Children born healthy.
- (b) Children healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade.
- (c) Children developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry.
- (d) Children prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

Each GSC must upload its approved multi-year strategic plan, with activities and initiatives to be accomplished over the course of the plan toward achieving the four early childhood outcomes, including an annual strategy to assure that children are developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry.

PLAN PREPARATION, UPLOADS

The following items must be uploaded within the Application in MEGS+:

- FY18 Work Plan must be completed within Great Start Network and saved as a PDF document. Once completed, upload it as an attachment into MEGS+ with the completed Budget.
- **Most recently-approved GSC Strategic Plan**
- **Current Action Agenda**
- Documentation showing affiliate status if implementing an evidence based home visitation model with EC Programming funds.

Do not upload supplementary documents such as marketing documents or other publications.

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III. Spotlight – Great Start to Quality

Today's Spotlight featured [Great Start to Quality](#) Central Resource Center (CRC) Program Director, Barb Monroe and Office of Great Start Professional Development Specialist, Robin Zeiter. The Great Start to Quality CRC recently moved to a new location (3425 Belle Chase Way, Suite 1, Lansing). Barb provided an overview of the organization and services, and Robin provided an overview of the [MIRegistry](#). Following are questions asked by GSC members:

- Question: *Do you hear any talk about the current hourly subsidy rates for child care?* Yes, there is currently a great deal of conversation surrounding this topic at the state level, along with the recent close of a market survey. Providers and advocacy groups are pushing for the increase in subsidy rates.
- Question: *Is there an adjusted reimbursement based upon the star level?* Yes, childcare centers and group and family homes are reimbursed upon their star rating; while unlicensed providers are reimbursed different rates based upon level of training.
- Question: *Do you ever talk about changing the system so families know when there are openings—and what about those providers who don't offer traditional hours?* Providers self-report regarding program options and openings, and this information can be updated in the provider's online profile. This specific information is difficult to find during an online search, as families are able to search by days and hours, but not by who has available space.
- Question: *Could a provider be a foster care/home?* Yes
- Question: *Do you track daycare providers by zip code?* Yes, so that we can see where there are gaps in childcare providers. The northern counties in the Central Resource Center Region show the bigger gaps.
- Question: *Is it still true families can check out lending library materials?* Yes, two weeks is generally the time limit for checking out materials so the materials can be continually rotated.
- Question: *Does the lending library offer a delivery service?* No, families/providers must physically go to the CRC.
- Question: *What is the MIRegistry?* An online platform designed to support educational trainings for childcare providers. When someone registers for a training on the site, information is automatically populated in the provider's profile.
- Question: *Thinking about the ISD as a trainer; would I make a file as a trainer or does my organization do this?* The organization could act as the administrator of the profile, updating staff, etc., on the organizational level. An individual would update their own profile on the site. The Central Resource Center will assist with getting people/ organizations registered on MIRegistry.

IV. Outcome Groups

Members met within respective Outcome groups. A reminder was shared to have each group assign a note taker and time keeper; and a "parking lot" was created to "park" items to come back to at a later time. Today's group questions are as follows:

- A. How does the Spotlight align with the Outcome group's activities?
- B. How have we engaged families and children most affected by the Outcome group's goal? How can we reach out to all families most affected by the goal? What other ways could they be engaged?
- C. Report on the actions you committed to take at the April GSC meeting.
- D. Record new actions you are committing to work on between now and the June GSC meeting on your half sheet (also record on flip chart paper).

V. Outcome Group Share-Out

Members rotated from group to group to hear progress made and next steps.

VI. Meeting Evaluation & General updates

- **Family Coalition Meeting** – Scheduled for **5-24-18** at the Family Growth Center. The meeting theme for May is activities to do with your child over the summer.
- **Diaper Program** – ICHD, Maternal Infant Health Program continues to offer a diaper program every six weeks to Medicaid and WIC eligible families. Contact Dana Watson dwatson@ingham.org or 517-512-3074 for more information.
- **Great American Read** – The WKAR Great American Read kicks off next week, and includes an eight-part series to celebrate reading, along with a list of 100 of America's best-loved novels. A Book Club Luncheon will be held at CADL on June 9, at CADL downtown Lansing branch.
- **Youth Thrive Event** – Kendra Gibbs reported about the success of the Youth Thrive event held during the month of April. There were approximately 70 teens in attendance. Thanks to everyone who helped with this event!
- **Bitty Basketball Game** – Lucy McClintic reported on the success of the Bitty basketball game held in April. Kids and dads played basketball with Lansing Police Department officers during this community event.

***The next GSC meeting is scheduled for 6/13/18
from 1:00 – 3:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church.***

***The GSC meetings for the summer months have been rescheduled as follows:
July GSC meeting has been cancelled
August GSC meeting – Wednesday, 8/8/18***

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