

## Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Agenda, September 12, 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-Ingham LLG, Oluwakemi Alomo-CACS Head Start, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD/GSC, Missy Challiss-ICHHD MIHP, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, Kae Dubai-Parent, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Nicole McNulty-ICHHD Intern, Jackie Markey-ICHHD Intern, Emily Mayer-ICHHD Intern, Barb Monroe-MCESA Central Resource Center, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC, Theresa Pittington-Cristo Rey, Katie Price-South Lansing Ministries, Christina Redmond-Ingham DHHS, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Katherine Vogel-CMH/CEI, Dana Watson-ICHHD-Strong Start Healthy Start, Mary Jo Wegenke-Ingham ISD, Jamie Yeomans-Parent

The 9/12/18 Meeting Agenda and 8/8/18 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

#### **Inclusion Activity - Parent Café Question**

Today's Parent Café question aligns with the Strengthening Families Protective Factor of Resiliency – *“What is something you are looking forward to working on in FY2019—either through the GSC, within your Outcome groups, or in general?”* Discussion took place with elbow partners.

### II. Spotlight – GSPC Strengthening Families Assessment

Parent Liaison, Jessica Baker, shared results of the Great Start Parent Coalition (GSPC) Strengthening Families Assessment. The GSPC participated in a four-hour assessment based upon the five protective factors. With an ECIC facilitator, the GSPC was able to see their strengths (*“The GSPC works together to design and organize opportunities for parent-led discussions that reflect on parenting expectations and practices.”*); and opportunities for improvement (*“The GSPC engages families by gathering input from families in the community to support the work of the Great Start collaborative.”*). The GSPC plans to work with licensed child care providers to provide child care during the Family Coalition meetings. Today's Spotlight was included in Outcome group discussion. The Assessment can be found on the GSC website <http://inghamgreatstart.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/InghamOutcomes-SF-Summary-converted.pdf>.

### III. Workplan and Budget (Outcome 3)

Each year, the GSC submits a 32p block grant Workplan and budget that supports the work of the Collaborative and early childhood programming through Great Parents Great Start home visiting services. Action Agenda items are included in the Workplan, including at least one Strategy from all four outcomes. The Workplan is due 9/15/18, and will be available on [www.inghamgreatstart.org](http://www.inghamgreatstart.org).

The Outcome 3 (Children are developmentally on track and prepared to succeed at time of school entry) Workplan is pre-populated with some items indicated by the Office of Great Start, including performance measures related to School Readiness Advisory Committee, DHHS child care subsidy, and providers connecting with Great Start to Quality. Members asked questions regarding this year's Workplan:

*Question:* Will we have access to data from Great Start to Quality?

*Answer:* No, a request for data must be done through the Central Resource Center, and can be supplied upon request.

*Question:* How will you measure those who are not in a star-rated program?

*Answer:* Outreach is difficult to measure to pinpoint the exact source of contact. We hope to learn how families hear about child care providers and the star-rating system. There is a question on the Ingham Preschool Application that asks how families found out about the application. Continue discussions regarding how to track referral data should/could occur.

Included in the Outcome 3 Workplan is the School Readiness Advisory Committee, which is one of the Workgroups of the GSC. The focus of this Workgroup is how to help children/families be better prepared for school. All are invited to attend this Workgroup—the next meeting is scheduled for 9/20/18, from 4:00-6:00pm, Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services building.

Since Ingham uses the Early Childhood programming funds for Great Parent Great Start (GPGS) home visiting, it has been included in the updated Action Agenda. A resource needed for referrals to GPGS is either a hard copy of the referral form or electronic access.

<https://www.inghamisd.org/ouracademics/earlychildhood/gpgs/>.

For FY2019, all GSCs across the State of Michigan will receive a decrease in funding. Ingham's decrease is approximately \$27,000, which will come from Early Childhood programming portion of the grant. No programming will be eliminated at this time due to carryover funding. The decrease in 32p funding is an unintended consequence of an increase in the Child Care and Development Block Grant funding. Updates include but are not limited to the following. More information can be found at [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/MDE\\_Plain\\_Language\\_Summary\\_3.2018\\_Final\\_ADA\\_618251\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/MDE_Plain_Language_Summary_3.2018_Final_ADA_618251_7.pdf).

- 12-month continuity of care
- Previously, eligibility was at 119% FPL or under for entry and above for exit. Now, entry is at 130% FPL or below with graduated tiers for exit up to 250% FPL.
- Tiered reimbursement rates
- Hiring additional childcare licensing consultants
- Reduction of eligibility determination timelines decreased to 30 days
- Former 46-page application is now 18 pages
- Waive income and copay for migrant, homeless, and foster families
- License exempt providers will have health and safety visits (through ECIC)
- Absence hours were previously 208 hours/year; and are now 360 hours/year pay based on enrollment
- Registration fees (reimburse \$60 to centers and homes so families don't have to pay)
- Consumer education website (required to re-authorize)
- Expedited process for homeless and foster care (w/in 7 days, 45 days for families to complete)
- Previously an hourly reimbursement; now a bi-weekly reimbursement.

#### **IV. Outcome Groups**

- What kind of information would you want to know from the Family Coalition; and what work would you want to share with the Family Coalition?
- With current Activities, in what ways could the Family Coalition support the Outcome group; and in what ways could the Outcome group support the Family Coalition?
- Review progress on Activities since the June GSC meeting
- Prioritize and list next steps between now and the October GSC meeting.

#### **V. Outcome Group Share Out**

Due to time constraints, groups shared one priority from today's group work:

- **Outcome 1** – Would like to develop a tangible elevator speech about the Family Coalition for home visitors and staff to use with families.
- **Outcome 2** – Would like to allow/plan for targeted recruitment for non-traditional parents to become involved with the Family Coalition.

- **Outcome 3** – Would like to incorporate the support group of license exempt providers that will discontinue meeting at the end of Q1 into the Family Coalition. This could include the support group facilitator coming with providers to an initial Family Coalition meeting for a warm hand-off transition.
- **Outcome 4** – Would like to promote a Read Aloud Campaign with WKAR, and could collaborate with the Family Coalition to disseminate the K-1 Early Literacy Calendar and other Read by Grade 3 materials.

## VI. General updates

- **09/15/18 Teddy Bear Picnic**, 11:00 am-3:00 pm, MSU Clinical Center
- **09/22/18 Fall Fun Fest**, Ingham ISD Parent Advisory Committee, 1:00–3:00 pm, Hawk Island
- **09/24/18 Michigan Power to Thrive** members plan to meet with Ingham County inmates to ensure those who are eligible and interested are registered to vote. Members are anxious to share feedback regarding outcome.
- **09/28/18 Fatherhood Forum**, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, University Club 3435 Forest Road, Lansing. Strong Start Healthy Start (SSHS) has been part of the planning team and will be a resource at this event. A SSHS Health Education will facilitate a workshop on co-parenting.
- **10/18/18 CANEY Brown Bag: *Understanding the Impact of Retained Reflexes on Relationships and Development with Pamela Green Crljenica*** – 12:00–1:30 pm, 838 Louisa Street, Lansing. More information can be found at <https://inghamgreatstart.org/2018/join-us-for-the-october-caney-brown-bag-october-18th/>
- **10/29/18, 10/30/18, 1/30/19, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, Essential Practices in Early Literacy Training.** Target audience is K-3 teachers. Contact Mary Jo Wegenke for more information [mwegenke@inghamisd.org](mailto:mwegenke@inghamisd.org).
- **10/2/18 Open House for Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services**, 3:30-5:30 pm at [6520 Mercantile Way](#), Suites 1 & 2, Lansing. All are invited to attend.
- **11/14/18 November GSC Meeting** will be held at the new Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services location, [6520 Mercantile Way](#), Suites 1 & 2, Lansing.
- Dana Watson of Strong Start Healthy Start is training to be a Health Equity and Social Justice educator. This 3.5 days of training is free and open to others who are interested. Contact Dana at [dwatson@ingham.org](mailto:dwatson@ingham.org) for more information.

**The next GSC meeting is scheduled for 10/17/18  
1:00 – 3:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church.**

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for Agendas, Minutes, Meeting Calendars, Ingham Early Childhood Action Agenda, and more.  
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