

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

Meeting Notes

3/20/19

1:00 – 3:30 pm

Present: Effie Alofoje-Carr-Ingham LLG, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Angela Barry-Lansing School District, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD/GSC, Javonnia Copeland-ICHHD/MCH, Emily Mayer-ICHHD, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD GSRP, Barb Monroe–Central Resource Center, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC, Theresa Pittington-Cristo Rey, Allison Richmond-Impression 5, Erkia Smith-MDHHS, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Cassie Veselovsky-CADL, Kathy Vogel-CEI CMH, Dana Watson-Strong Start Healthy Start, Mary Jo Wegenke-Ingham ISD, Jamie Yeomans-Parent

Chair: Barb Monroe **Time Keeper:** Effie Alofoje-Carr

- I. The 03/20/19 Meeting Agenda and the 02/2019 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

Inclusion Activity – Members worked with elbow partners to solve a “March is Reading Month” Native American Riddle about literacy and perception.

Family Coalition (FC) Update – Two Coalition meetings are scheduled this month—March 7 and 28, 2019, with a focus on literacy. A CADL representative who recently attended an LLG meeting to share information about CADL activities (reader backpacks and iPads) may also present at a future FC meeting. Along with literacy, meeting discussion has included Read By Grade 3 Law and the Calendars. Parent leaders have been instrumental in reaching families across Ingham County.

Jessica attended a Kinship Care Support group from the connection with February GSC Spotlight. Families from this group are invited to attend future GSC meetings.

A Parent Café was held 3/19/19. Planning continues for future Parent Cafés.

- II. **Spotlight – Michigan Kindergarten Entry Observation (MKEO), with presenter, Director of Preschool Instruction at Ingham ISD, Corrie Mervyn**

MKEO is essentially an observation and/or assessment tool used for kindergarten readiness assessment—which would inform the parent, teacher, and school leadership where the child falls in their development. The purpose

of MKEO is to support and advance children's early learning and academic achievement through data collection that looks at the whole child and includes the four domains: Language/Literacy; Math; Social-Emotional; Physical/Motor Development. School districts must assess 35% of kindergarteners minimally. One-third of school districts across Michigan have already implemented MKEO, while Ingham is slated for implementation during the 2019-20 school year. Each teacher and proctor must be appropriately trained and must pass a reliability test. The [KRA Fact Sheet](#) and the [MKEO Information Guide](#) for families can be found at [MKEO](#) website. Today's presentation can be found on the [Ingham Great Start Collaborative website](#).

III. Outcome Groups

Members met in Outcome groups to review progress and discuss next steps between now and the April GSC meeting. Members rotated to each group to review work from today's meeting. Outcome group notes can be found on the [Ingham GSC website](#)

IV. Responsibility – Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Funding Application

Each year, an application is submitted for GSRP funding. Slot allocations are determined by both need and capacity. For FY 2019-20, the number of four-year-old children from families, residing within Ingham ISD catchment, living at or below 250% of Federal Poverty Level is 2,260; 202 of those children are served solely by Head Start; leaving **2,058 children eligible for GSRP**.

Endorsement for the application is done through the Ingham GSC. A motion to endorse the application was made by Effie Alofoje-Carr; with motion seconded by Barb Monroe.

V. General Updates

4/9/19 [MiRegistry Learning Lab](#) – Free training offered at LCC Computer Lab, Health & Human Svcs Bldg, 515 N. Washington Square, Lansing. [Registration](#) required for one-hour time slots from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 517.336.3784 for more information.

4/14/19 [Lansing Baby Fair](#) – This free event is for expectant parents. Families have an opportunity to learn about healthy habits and nutrition, car seat safety, preschool, the importance of literacy, etc. Activities will be available for young children.

5/1/19 [Asthma Friendly Childcare Training](#) – Presented by Tiffany Doolittle at [Ingham Health Plan Corp, 3425 Belle Chase Way](#), Lansing. Cost: \$30. Contact Tiffany at 517.336.3787 for more information.

Retirement - Fran Jozefowicz, long-time GSC member from partner organization, Community Mental Health plans to retire June, 2019.

Free Weekend Meals for Kids – [Bethlehem Lutheran Church](#) is offering free, shelf-stable weekend meals for children now through the month of May on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. No appointment necessary. For more information, contact 800.592.1173 or info@jafoodservice.com.

CAUW Collaborative Funding Grant – Ingham GSC is partnering with Islamic Society of Greater Lansing, Refugee Development Center, South Lansing Ministries, and WKAR for this collaborative grant focused on “Engaging Families in Early Literacy.” The total amount requested is approximately \$200,000, with the grant application due 3/21/19. Four other community groups are also applying for this grant. Applicants should receive notification of grant award by the end of May.

Future Meeting Date Changes – The May GSC meeting is 5/8/19; and the June GSC meeting is 6/12/19.

VI. Adjournment

The April GSC meeting is scheduled for 4/17/19, from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. at Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services.

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