

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

Meeting Notes

4/17/19

1:00 – 3:30 pm

Present: Sondos Al-Hachim-Islamic Center Parent, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD/GSC, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, Krystal Davis-ICHHD, Kae Dubai-Parent, Laurie Linscott-MSU CDC, Emily Mayer-ICHHD, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD GSRP, Barb Monroe–Central Resource Center, Jacqueline Markey-ICHHD, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC, Micki O’Neil-Ingham ISD, Theresa Pittington-Cristo Rey, Christina Redmond-DHHS, Allison Richmond-Impression 5, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Cassie Veselovsky-CADL, Kathy Vogel-CEI CMH, Jamie Yeomans-Parent

Chair: Jessica Baker **Time Keeper:** Barb Monroe

- I. The 04/17/19 Meeting Agenda and the 03/20/2019 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.
- II. **Inclusion Activity** – Strengthening Families Protective Factor Social-Emotional Competence of Children, *“How are your children similar or different from you? How does that affect your communication with them?”* GSC members discussed with elbow partners.

III. Family Coalition (FC) Update

The next [Family Coalition meeting](#) is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2019, at the [Family Growth Center](#). In honor of Month of the Young Child, discussion focus is the social-emotional competency of children, things to look for, and how we relate to our children. Please RSVP for childcare in advance at 517-899-4754 or inghamgscparents@gmail.com.

An [LLG Parent Panel](#) is scheduled for May 1, 2019, 3:00-5:00 PM at EC Services. The topic is “What do parents really think about home visiting? [Register](#) in advance. Contact Effie InghamLLG@gmail.com for questions.

IV. Spotlight – Prenatal Health Care Assessment

As part of Outcome 1 group activities, Presenters Krystal Davis, Public Health Advocate, Family Outreach Services at ICHHD/Master of Social Work student; and Jacqueline Markey, Master of Social Work Student, conducted an

assessment of women's prenatal experiences, in order to identify potential barriers to care. The assessment project collected data utilizing three methods: surveys, discussion groups, and community input walls throughout Ingham County. The data collected will be used to inform the GSC objectives that focus on improving the health and well-being of children and families in the community. The presentation PowerPoint can be found on the [GSC website](#).

Sondos Al-Hachim shared that she conducted a similar survey regarding access and barriers to overall health care and resources for families. She found the families she surveyed don't access health care due to not knowing where to go and what resources are available. The families she surveyed experienced a lack of support from the community once they are here in the United States.

V. Outcome Groups

Members met in Outcome groups to review progress and discuss next steps between now and the May 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](#)

VI. General Updates

Measles – With the measles outbreak in southeast Michigan, ICHD created and shared a document "[Measles Is your family protected?](#)" Recently, a potential case was reported in Lansing on April 11/19 at Speedway on S. Pennsylvania. Questions about waiving immunizations can be directed to the ICHD Immunization Clinic at immunize@ingham.org or 517.887.4316.

Preschool Recruitment Guidelines is a tool for staff to use when talking with families regarding preschool options. The Guide covers eligibility, program locations, application process, etc. An electronic version of the Guidelines will be emailed to GSC Members. Please contact Wendy Boyce for more information wboyce@inghamisd.org

MiRegistry Learning Lab – Central Resource Center, T.E.A.C.H., LCC, and MiRegistry staff partnered to offer a collaborative event for people to create a MiRegistry account/membership. There were 93 in attendance. Both providers and students attended the event, with providers receiving one hour of PD. A second training event is being considered.

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.

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

VII. Adjournment

The May GSC meeting is scheduled for 5/8/19, from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. at Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services.

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