

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

Meeting Notes

05/08/19

1:00 – 3:30 pm

Present: Sondos Al-Hachim-Islamic Center Parent, Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD/GSC, Kae Dubay-Parent, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD GSRP, Barb Monroe–Central Resource Center, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC, Robin Pizzo-WKAR, Christina Redmond-DHHS, Allison Richmond-Impression 5, Amy Rombach-Macaroni Kid/Parent, Erkia Smith-MDHHS, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Melissa Cole-CADL, Kathy Vogel-CEI CMH

Chair: Lucy McClintic **Time Keeper:** Effie Alofoje-Carr

- I. The 05/08/19 Meeting Agenda and the 04/17/19 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.
- II. **Inclusion Activity** – In lieu of an inclusion activity, GSC members celebrated Fran Jozefowicz’s retirement.
- III. **Family Coalition (FC) Update**

The next [FC meeting](#) is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the [Family Growth Center](#). The topic for May is social-emotional health, and discussion will include summer resources, camps, and safety tips. RSVP in advance for childcare (517.899.4754 or inghamgscparents@gmail.com). There will be no FC meetings for the months of June and July;

The [LLG Parent Panel](#) was held May 1, 2019, 3:00-5:00 PM at EC Services. The topic was “What do parents really think about home visiting?” Discussion went well; and LLG plans to host this event annually (May 6, 2020) as part of the CQI project.

IV. Spotlight – Capital Area District Library Resources

South Lansing Head Librarian, Melissa Cole, shared resources for families at CADL branches. Resources include Raising Reader Backpacks, various activities such as upcoming summer camps with a fun science theme, how families can obtain passes and/or discounts (i.e. library cards, Potter Park Zoo, CATA bus, Wharton, Fox Theater, etc.), story time, a playroom at the South Lansing Branch, citizenship classes, etc. More information can be found at

www.CADL.org. Melissa's presentation can be found on the [Ingham GSC website](#).

KIDS Count – [Michigan League for Public Policy](#) (MLPP) recently-released the [Kids Count](#) data. The [2019 Michigan Data Book](#) includes trends across Michigan counties (and nationally) and ranks the best five and lowest five counties in Michigan according to indicators. MLPP reported Michigan has stagnated compared to other states nationwide. Last year, Ingham County ranked 40th, while the [2019 Ingham County Profile](#) shows the ranking fell to 48th. This data is being used to spark discussion as to why certain data points are improving or continuing to decline.

V. Outcome Groups

Members met in Outcome groups to review progress and work on updating the Action Agenda for FY20. Each Outcome group shared a highlight of their Outcome group worktime. Outcome group notes can be found on the [Ingham GSC website](#)

VI. General Updates

- **Magnets:** Outcome 2 distributed social-emotional magnets (a companion to the social-emotional flyer) with members, and asked members to share with families and report feedback. WKAR may be willing to create a short audio message regarding the magnet.
- **Award:** Congratulations to WKAR Education Director (and GSC member), Robin Pizzo, and WKAR Reporter Kevin Lavery for winning the prestigious [Edward R. Murrow Award](#) for their series "*Making the Grade in Michigan 2018.*" This series examines early childhood literacy challenges in Michigan.
- **Retirement:** Fran Jozefowicz is planning to retire in June after 27 years of service with CMH. A celebration to honor Fran will be held June 3, 2019, from 12:00-1:30 p.m. at the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Bldg. 3, Room D & E. All are invited to attend.

Future Meeting Dates/Changes –

- 06/12/19; 07/17/19; and 08/21/19 – All meetings are held 1:00-3:30 p.m. at EC Services, [6520 Mercantile Way, Lansing](#).

VII. Adjournment

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