

# ***Ingham Great Start Collaborative***

## ***Meeting Notes***

06/12/19  
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, Emily Brewer-Ingham ISD, Missy Challiss-ICHHD-MIHP/LEAD, Kae Dubay-Parent, Marisela Garza-Capital Area District Library, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD GSRP, Sally Meyer-ICHHD, Barb Monroe–Central Resource Center, Theresa Pittington-Cristo Rey, Erkia Smith-MDHHS, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Jasmine Tucker-EHS/LLG, Francine Watts-Kinship Care, Mary Jo Wegenke-Ingham ISD, Jamie Yeomans-GSC Parent

**Chair:** Effie Alofoje-Carr **Time Keeper:** Jessica Baker

- I. The 06/12/19 Meeting Agenda and the 05/08/19 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.
- II. **Inclusion Activity** – Strengthening Families Protective Factor Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development: *“What kind of hobbies do you have? How have they recently changed?”* Members shared responses with elbow partners.
- III. **Family Coalition (FC) Update**

The May [FC meeting](#) was held May 23, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the [Family Growth Center](#). Discussion included summer resources and education—specifically summer camps, summer safety, the importance of reading to your child(ren) daily to build literacy skills and school readiness. Books were also distributed. No June or July FC meetings are scheduled; however, Parent Cafés and pop-up playgroups are being planned during the summer months.

Jessica attended a recent year-end East Lansing GSRP meeting to discuss social-emotional health, planning a mini Parent Café, and the [Family Learning Connection](#) resource listed on the [Ingham ISD website](#).

Contact Jessica for more information regarding the Family Coalition (517.899.4754 or [inghamgscparents@gmail.com](mailto:inghamgscparents@gmail.com)).

#### **IV. Responsibility – Early On Grant**

Ingham Great Start Collaborative serves as the Advisory Council for the Ingham ISD Early On Program. The [2018-19 Early On Annual Report](#) was shared with members and highlights were discussed. In brief:

- Ingham GSC parent, Kae Dubay recently joined the Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MICC);
- Early On referrals are down slightly (June data not available); however, CAPTA referrals, including babies born with substances in their system, those experiencing abuse or neglect, or in foster care have increased;
- This year, the Primary Service Provider approach was implemented and Early On staff teams were restructured to better serve families;
- Reflective Supervision is provided to all staff with a caseload;
- A pilot using work-issued cell phones is in use to help avert privacy concerns regarding client/family information and personal cell phones;
- And Early On had four graduate student interns during this school year.

## V. MDE Three Priorities

To continue to strive toward Michigan becoming a “Top 10 in 10 Years” education state, MDE prioritized three focus areas that align with the work of GSCs (Prenatal through age 8 or P-8; Whole Child; and literacy). An informational video (covering P-8) was shared with members, and can be viewed at [www.michigan.gov/MDE-P8](http://www.michigan.gov/MDE-P8). More information on *all three* priorities can be found at <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140--487893--00.html>.

## VI. Outcome Groups

Members worked in Outcome groups to report on progress since the May GSC meeting and update the Action Agenda. Information can be found at <https://inghamgreatstart.org/gsc-birth-to-five-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>.

## VII. GSC Updates

- **Capital Area United Way (CAUW) Grant** – Ingham GSC, along with four community partners (WKAR, Refugee Development Center, South Lansing Ministries, Greater Lansing Islamic Society), received a CAUW Grant Award for \$150,000 focused on literacy. The Collaboration applied for approximately \$197,000 of the potential \$280,000 to be awarded from CAUW donations designated for this grant. Because the funding amount is less than the amount applied for, most partners will reduce the number of families impacted rather than reduce the services provided. Grant implementation begins July 1, 2019. Training will take place during the summer months, and programs will begin in the fall.

- **ECSN Grant** – Ingham ISD received the Early Childhood Support Network (ECSN) Grant award through MDE for the *Eastern Region*. This federally-funded grant, through the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG), encompasses four regions throughout Michigan:
  - **Ingham ISD (Eastern Region)**
  - Calhoun ISD (Western Region)
  - Eastern Upper Peninsula (Upper UP and Northern Lower UP)
  - United Way of Southeast Michigan (Southeast Region)

The purpose of this five-year grant is to support, expand, and improve outcomes for young children and families. The grant will support training and technical assistance for the Great Start Collaboratives, Parent Coalitions, and Resource Centers across the state—as well as oversight of Resource Center work. The work of this grant will be phased in over the next couple of years. A position of Director, ECSN for the Eastern Region was recently posted through Ingham ISD. Interviews will begin next week. Additional information is to follow.

- **Fran Jozefowicz** retired from Community Mental Health on June 3. Fran’s retirement party was well attended and very enjoyable. A thank-you message from Fran was shared with members.
- **Needs Assessment** – Please be aware that GSC members may receive requests to provide feedback for multiple upcoming needs assessments, including the Preschool Development Grant B-5 and Pritzker Grant – Prenatal to 3 Policy Agenda.
- **Potter Park Zoo Days** – Scheduled for July 9 and 10. Volunteers are needed to staff a table. Please [sign up](#) to participate.

### VIII. Future Meeting Dates

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

### IX. Adjournment

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