

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

Meeting Notes

07/17/19

1:00 – 3:30 pm

Present: Sondos Al-Hachim-Islamic Center Parent, Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Katie Berg-MSU, Kae Dubay-Parent, Alicia Guevara Warren-MSU Kinship Care Resource Center, Laurie Linscott-MSU, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD GSRP, Andi Mills-MSU, Barb Monroe–Central Resource Center, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD, Micki O’Neil-Ingham ISD, Kelsi Rezanka-CACS Head Start, Erkia Smith-MDHHS, Laura Spees-CACS Head Start, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Kathy Vogel-CEI-CMH, Dana Watson-ICHS Maternal Infant Health, Francine Watts-Kinship Care, Jamie Yeomans-GSC Parent

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

- I. The 07/17/19 Meeting Agenda and the 06/12/19 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.
- II. **Inclusion Activity** – Strengthening Families Protective Factor Resiliency and Social Emotional Competence. Members shared with elbow partners how they were feeling today (i.e. happy, great, need my batteries recharged, etc.)

III. Family Coalition (FC) Update

At recent meetings with the Kinship Care Support Group and the Capital Area Foster Care Coalition, Jessica shared information about how to get involved with the Family Coalition. The Foster Care Coalition is comprised of various foster care agencies in Ingham and the surrounding counties. The Coalition plans trainings on different topics requested by families so the families can become licensed as foster care families—and maintain those licenses. Jessica will incorporate those topics during the FC meetings throughout the next year.

There were no June or July FC meetings. The next [Family Coalition](#) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the [Family Growth Center](#). Call in advance for childcare, and contact Jessica for more information (517.899.4754 or inghamgscparents@gmail.com).

IV. Outcome Groups

Members worked in Outcome groups to update the Action Agenda for FY20. The updated Action Agenda will be submitted with the annual Application due in

September. The FY2019 Action Agenda can be found at http://inghamgreatstart.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-21-FY19-Early-Childhood-Action-Agenda_32p.pdf; the updated FY2020 Action Agenda will be post once finalized.

- **Poverty Simulation** - Scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Hannah Community Center. Hosted by Ingham Substance Awareness and Prevention Coalition, Ingham GSC, and Mid-State Health Network. Volunteers are needed. [Register](#) in advance.
- **Therapist Position** – [Community Mental Health](#) has a therapist position available for early intervention services. The applicant must have an MSW, and clinical experience.
- [MSU Kinship Care Resource Center](#) – Navigators have been hired and will be on board beginning in early August. For clarification, the Resource Center is a call center—rather than a drop-in center. Visit the website or call 800-535-1218 for additional information.
- **Respite Care** – Offered through [Tri-County Office on Aging](#). Some services charge a fee; however, scholarship opportunities may be available for those who qualify.

V. Future Meeting Dates

08/21/19 and 9/18/19 – All meetings are held 1:00-3:30 p.m., EC Services, [6520 Mercantile Way, Lansing](#).

VI. Adjournment

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