

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

Meeting Notes

02/19/20

1:00 – 3:30 pm

Present: Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD/GSC, Lisa Chambers-ICHD/Family Outreach Services, Sage Hales-Ho-ICHD, Renold JeanLouis-ICHD, Rose Jewell-PNC Bank, Natalie Johnston-East Lansing Library, Kathy Kelly-Child & Family Charities, Sarah Kenney-ICHD, Adriana Leo-ICHD/Strong Start Healthy Start, Terry Loynes-MSU Kinship Care Resource Center, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD/GSRP, Rebecca Meszaros-Ingham Co DHHS, Megan Morales-ICHD Lead Program, Maria Naula-Early Autism Services, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC/Early On, Theresa Pittingham-Cristo Rey, Robin Pizzo-WKAR, Andrea Ryan-Stepping Up Together, Holly Smego-ICHD/Children Special Health Care Services, Casey Sterle-Leslie Public Schools, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Cassie Veselovsky-CADL, Francine Watts-Kinship Care

Chair: Lisa Chambers

Time Keeper: Corrie Mervyn

- I. The 02/19/20 Meeting Agenda and the 01/22/20 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

II. Inclusion Activity

Strengthening Families Concrete Supports in Time of Need Protective Factor *“How does it feel to be helped rather than assisted or supported? Is there a difference?”*
Members discussed with elbow partners.

III. Family Coalition (FC) Update

The [Family Coalition](#) meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. The February FC meeting attendance included 25 people—lower this month due to weather conditions. Discussion included the importance of social-emotional health, and Outcome 2’s [social-emotional flyer](#) was shared. Discussion at the March meeting will include literacy, Read By Grade 3 Law, and WKAR’s resources. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the [Family Growth Center](#). Call in advance for childcare/more information (517.899.4754 inghamgscparents@gmail.com).

IV. Spotlight: Ingham Opioid Abuse and Prevention Initiative

Sarah Kenney, MSW, Clinical Supervisor of Pathways to Care Program at the Health Department presented information on the initiative as well as the work of the subcommittees. Sarah is willing to present to other organizations on substance abuse and prevention—including the use of Narcan in opioid overdoses. A follow-up training

on “*Working with Families with Substance Use Disorders*” is scheduled for March 9, 2020 at Ingham Early Childhood Services.

V. Summary of Outcome group feedback regarding alignment with Spotlight:

Outcome 1 – In order for children to be born healthy, mothers need to get the support/help they need to stop using substances. What is the availability of help, services, and support for families?

Outcome 2 – Reason kids might have been removed; resources for families; how the caregiver/parent influences child development and learned behavior; talking reduces stigma.

Outcome 3 – Support healthy adults as the primary caregivers to children; Are families physically prepared to provide healthy environments; Children in foster/kinship are often affected by access to preschool programs (mid-year enrollments, documentation provided, etc.); Accessing resources on Facebook or other digital platforms.

Outcome 4 – As we do our work, consider how to share info if someone has an SUD. Two-generation approach connection between teacher and family—non-traditional methods. Provide presentation to school administration, counselors, student support. Keep in mind all resources available thru IOAPI, and are you a “safe space”/trusted messenger? Know when to bring up topic with families.

VI. Outcome Groups

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

VII. GSC Updates

- **Headlee Restoration** – Information was shared on the upcoming March 10 ballot, in which voters will be asked to vote on the Headlee Special Education Mileage. The funds would be used to support special education students, purchase equipment, and upgrade facilities.
- **Mark Your Calendars** – Stepping Up Together has scheduled their [Youth Thrive Summit](#) for May 15, 2020, at Lansing Community College (downtown campus) for pregnant and teen parents—ages 14-21. Teens from throughout the State of Michigan will be in attendance. More information is to follow.
- **Strengthening Families Program** – This event is for families with youth 10-14, beginning March 4 – April 15. All sessions are free and open to the community. Contact Steven Holmes at 517.371.2823 to register.

VIII. Meeting Evaluation – What is one thing you learned and who will you share that information with?

- Spotlight - Will be shared with the Education Reporter at WKAR for a possible story.
- Spotlight - Will also be shared with East Lansing Library and CADL personnel for staff training—especially surrounding the use of Narcan.
- Free Bus Passes via CADL – Will be shared with Stepping Up Together families
- Follow-up training on “Working With Families With Substance Use Disorder will be shared with preschool program directors, Ingham ISD home visitors.
- 211 Updates – Will be shared with Kinship Care and ICHD staff.

IX. Next Meeting Dates

03/18/20, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services, [6520 Mercantile Way, Lansing.](#)

X. Adjournment

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