

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

Meeting Notes

05/27/20

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Present: Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Angie Barry-Lansing School District, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD/GSC, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD/Family Outreach Services, Kae Dubay-LICC Parent, Alicia Guevara-Warren-MSU Kinship Care, Tim Hodgman-PNC Bank, Shelagh Kosinski-Tri-County Office on Aging, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD/GSRP, Rebecca Meszaros-Ingham Co DHHS, Barb Monroe-Great Start to Quality CRC, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC/Early On, Andrea Ryan-Stepping Up Together, Holly Smego-ICHHD/Children Special Health Care Services, Casey Sterle-Leslie Public Schools, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD

Guidance and Norms for Virtual Meetings

Due to the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Order, today's meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Meeting instructions were shared with members in advance.

I. Welcome and Inclusion Activity

Today's inclusion activity included a temperature check about how members are "feeling" and the types of resources clients are requesting. Results follow:

Q: How are you doing?

- I am feeling really good = 27%
- I am feeling ok = 67%
- I am not doing all that well = 0%
- I am struggling = 7%

Q: What are families, who receive services through your organization, asking for?

- Support and resources for basic needs = 60%
- Mental health supports for caregiver and/or child = 40%
- Ideas on general things to do with their child (education, behavior, activities) = 60%
- Technology needs = 33%

II. Great Start Collaborative 32p Guidance and Family Coalition Update

Guidance was received from the state on May 4 regarding no face-to-face contact while working with families, at GSC meetings, etc.; and is expected to last until the end of the grant year (9/30/2020) or until the Governor's Executive Order has been lifted. Ingham ISD had begun working within those Guidelines in April, ensuring family engagement was conducted in a safe and healthy manner. Flexibility has allowed for virtual meetings

and home visits via Zoom or by phone. Some families are not participating via Zoom or phone but do welcome communication via mail. Great Parents Great Start is the early childhood program funded with 32p and uses the Parents As Teachers Model, which continues to provide guidance, webinars, and trainings for virtual assessments, content of home visits, and reflective supervision. Face-to-face Ingham Play & Learn Groups were discontinued when schools closed in March; however, the ReadyRosie App is being offered in the meantime while staff discusses using a virtual platform for Groups based upon feedback from a family survey.

The last face-to-face [Family Coalition](#) meeting was held March 12, 2020. Since then, Jessica continues to check in with families by phone and email to see how they are doing, and to provide information regarding community resources and basic needs. There are no June or July Family Coalition meetings scheduled.

III. [Ingham County Health Department \(ICHD\) Updates](#)

ICHD Supervisor, Lisa Chambers, shared their goal is to provide family-centered care based upon the needs of Ingham families. Currently the priority is on refugee and families already connected to care. Staff continues to work with families and telehealth visits are being used in place of face-to-face visits. An overview of various clinic offerings, extended hours, Covid-19 testing sites, [Covid-19 Dashboard](#), flyers in various languages, and contact numbers can be found in the presentation to be posted on the www.inghamgreatstart.org website. (Contact ICHD at 887-4517 or SOM at 888-535-6136 for Covid-19 questions.)

Two mini grants are in place for Safe Sleep and Lead resources. The Safe Sleep infant death rate data (FY2018) for Ingham County is 1.2%, which is under the state average. The Safe Sleep grant prioritizes providing a safe sleep environment for families and includes Pack 'N Plays for those in need. Pack 'N Plays are generally appropriate for use through the child's first year. Contact [Lisa Chambers](#) for more information.

IV. [ReadyRosie Update](#)

ReadyRosie was chosen as a substitute for creating our own App to align with the Ingham Early Learning Calendar to support literacy, math, and social-emotional health. ReadyRosie is being piloted with the EFEL collaboration partners, Ingham Play & Learn Group families, Stepping Up Together families, and a couple of GSRP programs. Family Coalition families will be invited next; while in June, ReadyRosie will be launched on a community-wide basis for families with children ages birth to third grade. Upon accepting the invitation, families will receive push notifications with activities geared toward their child's age and will also have access to the Modeled Moment Video Library with videos narrated in English and Spanish. Closed captioning includes English, Spanish, Arabic, and Vietnamese. Discussion continues about how the community-wide

process will be introduced and may include entering a zip code or another specific code that designates Ingham families.

Questions and Comments:

- It was suggested capturing or tracking family use by zip code or targeted areas in Ingham County.
- Does the program grow with the child? Changing the child's age in the family profile will allow videos geared toward the age; and the App can be set up for multiple children in the family.
- Members expressed how helpful this information would be to share with families during end-of-school virtual visits.

V. Break Out Rooms

Members broke into the four Outcome Groups to review activities on the Action Agenda and to discuss what activities could continue while working virtually.

VI. GSC Updates

- **Face Masks** - General Motors is donating 100,000 facemasks for all licensed childcare providers. (At this time, guidance stipulates that every employer is required to provide masks to their employees.) The Resource Centers and ECSN will coordinate distribution of the masks. Programs currently closed will also receive face masks. More information about masks and health and safety guidelines regarding Covid-19 can be found at [LARA](#). Watch for updates from the Governor's office and the [CDC](#).
- [Childcare Relief Fund](#) - Remind childcare providers (registered, in-home, licensed, tribal) to apply for the Childcare Relief Funds, which do *not* have to be repaid. Only 47% of centers have applied for the funds at this time. A great deal of work was done to advocate for this funding for providers to re-open and recoup lost revenue. If the current monies are not expended, additional funding may not be available in the future. The April application closes next week, with the May application coming out the following week and include revisions based upon what was learned. The third application date is planned for June.
- [Great Start to Quality](#) – Next week, child care providers will be asked to answer questions (in their MiRegistry profile) regarding if they are open for business, how many openings they have available, etc. Those providers who are open will be listed at the top for parents searching for childcare. Families looking for childcare should contact helpmegrow-mi.org.
- [ECSAAG](#) – Eaton County Substance Awareness Advisory Group is available to help families navigate resources via their Wellness Checklist.

- [CSHCS](#) – Children’s Special Health Care Services hopes to start Sibshop this fall—a program for siblings of children with Special needs. Contact [Holly Smego](#) if you are interested in becoming a stakeholder.
- [Third Circle Michigan](#) - Casey Sterle is offering a free program tonight via Zoom on [How to nurture your child’s social-emotional health](#). Please share with families.
- [MSU Kinship Care Resource Center](#) – Is open for business and assisting families by offering respite care, summer camp, and childcare for kinship caregivers 55 or older in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton Counties. Contact 800-535-1218 or <https://kinship.msu.edu/Respite-Care>

IV. Next Meeting Dates

June 17, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. – location and format to be determined

V. Survey and Adjournment

Feedback about today’s meeting was gathered by poll. Results follow:

Q. How helpful was the information shared at today’s meeting?

- A little helpful = 8%
- Somewhat helpful = 31%
- Very helpful = 62%

Q. How effective was meeting in Outcome groups today?

- A little effective = 15%
- Somewhat effective = 46%
- Very effective = 38%

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