

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

Operations Committee Notes

11/12/20
3:00 – 4:30 pm

ATTENDEES: Effie Alofoje-Carr, Jessica Baker, Wendy Boyce, Lisa Chambers, Lucy McClintic, Barb Monroe, Michelle Nicholson, Andrea Ryan, Stephanie Thelen

I. The 11/12/20 Meeting Agenda and 10/08/20 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

II. **Inclusion Activity** – *“If you could give one piece of advice to your “pre-Covid” self, what would it be?”* Or, *“if you had an extra hour of free time every day, how would you use it?”*

- Hold on and brace yourself. I knew things would be different and difficult; but Covid is one of those things you don’t understand until you are in it!
- Who would have known (on Friday, March 13) this is where we would be right now?
- Be ready to change gears constantly; keep detailed lists, as there is a new “to do” list every single day—sometimes it changes throughout the same day.
- Deactivate Amazon Prime account; be comfortable that good enough *is* good enough.
- Slow and steady; spent way more time being and working at home than initially thought.
- Lots of grace, papers, and pens—everything changes so fast.

III. **Family Engagement, Family Coalition (FC)**

Family schedules continue to change as school schedules adjust with the influx of Covid cases. Jessica is thinking about going forward with virtual meeting dates to test out what may work best for families; and continues to work to engage and re-engage families in the [Family Coalition](#). Jessica reached out to Kent County to discuss what is working for their meetings. Please continue to send families in Jessica’s direction InghamGSCParents@gmail.com or 517.899.4754.

IV. **Follow Up from Strengthening Families Spotlight**

- Resilience, ACES Conference, on-demand podcasts and resources – Jessica shared resources (printable articles, some free and downloadable, info regarding a media campaign, some relevant to the current Covid crisis, and activities for families to do with their children) that she received at the Strengthening Families’ training she attended. The PowerPoint shared, as well as information on the CMU podcast series focused on resiliency will be emailed to Operations members. Resources can be posted to the GSC website and/or Facebook to share with the community and at Family Coalition meetings.
- How might we use Strengthening Families (SF) to support racial equity work? – Jessica is planning to coordinate with those trained in SF from the Eastern ECSN Region to provide training to others. Trainings could be done through the MiRegistry platform, possibly with Sarah Martin from the GSQ Central Resource Center. Trainings could also be provided to other organizations outside of the MiRegistry platform. Discussion took place about how to incorporate SF in the GSC Outcome groups. Lucy suggested Jessica contact CACS Family Advocates to discuss how to include this information within the monthly parent meetings.

V. **Plan 11/18/20 GSC Meeting Agenda**

- Inclusion Activity – Jessica will prepare.

- Family Engagement – Jessica will report.
- Spotlight for November will be MLPP Kids Count and Great Start Data Set 2020.
- Outcome Group Break-Out Questions:
 1. How does the MLPP data (Spotlight) relate to the Outcome group work? MLPP will review data set trends for alignment with the Action Agenda. May generate question for Outcome groups to discuss.
 2. What progress has been made on Activities since the October GSC meeting?
 3. What are some next steps needed to make progress on Activities for the January GSC meeting?
- Celebrate Lucy McClintic

VI. Future Meetings

- Potential Spotlights:
 - **EFEL Literacy Workshops:** Jamie Yeomans is (virtually) facilitating the Engaging Families in Early Literacy Workshops that began in early November. Families were provided activity materials and supplies; participation has been good with positive feedback from families.
 - **Staring at Zero Documentary:** GSC has an opportunity to do a local screening(s), at no cost, to increase awareness and engagement in early childhood with community members and policy makers. A suggestion was made to do this in lieu of the December GSC meeting, and include LLG members and home visitors; followed by a larger audience in the Spring. However, it was decided to do an “internal screening” and then a screening for the broader community and policy makers closer together in January/February. A toolkit is being developed and could be presented at that time, along with next steps.
 - **September GSC Evaluation Poll:** Discussion occurred around future potential Spotlights based upon percentages from the poll. Possibilities include a Spotlight on Michigan’s Children including Pritzker work. Barb shared that she is currently working on a presentation for Eaton County on Great Start to Quality, which could be adapted for an Ingham Spotlight in conjunction with an update on School Readiness Advisory Committee.
 - Early On - 0%
 - Great Parents, Great Start – 7%
 - Great Start Readiness Program – 0%
 - Great Start To Quality – 20%
 - Local Leadership Group – 7%
 - Michigan’s Children – 33%
 - Preschool Development Grant B-5 – 40%
 - Pritzker 0-3 – 27%
 - School Readiness Advisory Council – 20%
 - Other – 13%
- **December Operations/GSC Meetings:** Operations members discussed and decided not to hold December Operations or GSC Meetings due to circumstances surrounding Covid 19. A request will be made for organizational updates by December 10. Updates will be compiled and sent to GSC members the week of December 14, 2020.

VI. Operations Committee Updates

- **PDG B-5**
 - **3-Year Old Pilot** – Ingham was not awarded the Strong Beginnings grant. Nineteen other ISDs throughout the State applied.

- **Racial Equity Leaders Cohort** – Member include Andrea Ryan, Robin Pizzo, LaDawn Caldwell, Dana Watson, and Karen Hoene. Andrea shared the group recently participated in the two-day Racial Equity Institute with others across Michigan to discuss racial equity and the history of racial power in early childhood. Participants shared their own stories on racism, and teams worked to create an equity vision statement. More discussion regarding how to share and embed this work into the GSC will be forthcoming.
- **ECSN Review of GSC Websites:** A review of GSC websites is planned to ensure websites meet criteria.
- **32p Workplan Review Call:** The Workplan was approved, with the addition of added specifics related to racial equity in Outcome 2.
- **Pritzker Workgroups:** Michelle is part of the Implicit Bias Workgroup, and shared the focus will be to train all those working in early childhood on implicit bias. Wendy is part of the Childcare Funding Workgroup. October's meeting inclusion activity asked if legislators are supportive of funding for early childhood. Breakout room discussion was focused on administrative policies and paperwork; costs associated with childcare operation; the administrative burden; and childcare reimbursement.
- **Equity Inclusion Groups:** Lucy reported being part of a group to discuss the City's policies and procedures related to equity, policing, safety, and community events. There are focus groups meeting across the City of Lansing.
- **Central Resource Center Updates:** Barb reported racial equity training has been done with child care providers and the CRC is continuing to discuss future opportunities for racial equity work. Additionally, the 6th round of child care provider grants is available. Please pass the word! Due to a variety of circumstances, providers are hesitant to apply. CRC is also working to get all providers in MiRegistry. Beginning January 2022, all trainings will be provided through MiRegistry.

VII. Celebration of Lucy!

Members shared their memories of appreciation and working with Lucy through the years including being presented the Fierce Heart Award; her dedication, passion, and focus on collaboration in the community; as a mentor; a shoulder; a confident; a trailblazer; a problem solver, as larger than life; a California tour guide, and memories of diet coke and a UCLA t-shirt. Lucy will be greatly missed!

VIII. Review Next Meeting Dates and Times:

- **Operations:**
 - No December Meeting
 - 01/14/21 @ 3:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **GSC:**
 - 11/18/20 @ 1:30 p.m.
 - No December Meetings
 - 01/20/21 @ 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Adjourn

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