

Local Leadership Group Notes
February 3, 2021
1:00pm-2:00pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Present: Michelle Nicholson, Rebecca Meszaros, Jessica Baker, Holly Smego, Effie Alofoje-Carr, Kae Dubay, Deanna Curry, Dana Watson, Lisa Chambers, Robin Pizzo, Melissa Threadgould, Kathy Kelly, Jasmine Tucker, LaSean Thompson, Regine Cherry and Sara McMahan

1. Welcome/Introductions

What's the best OR worst Valentine's Day gift you received?

Shared via Mentimeter

2. January Meeting Recap

The January notes were reviewed and approved.

3. CQI Statewide Meeting Updates

-CQI Team still determining focus for CQI PDSA Cycle 1. Looking at continuing last year's work of providers being knowledgeable of all programs and services to ensure that families are enrolled in the program with the best fit. Also considering focusing on community knowledge of home visiting services available in Ingham county.

-Received updates from the State and had a presentation about Health Equity.

-Health Equity will be part of our work.

4. Great Parents Great Start

-GPGS currently has openings

-Online referrals are preferred and can be done here:

<https://www.inghamisd.org/ouracademics/earlychildhood/gpgs/>

-GPGS has received some referrals from Early Head Start and Nurse Family Partnership in the last few months

-Consider referring families who are aging out of a previous program or are not eligible for other home visiting programs. There are no income requirements. The only requirement is the family has to live in Ingham ISD service area.

5. Statewide Parents Meeting Updates

-All of our current LLG parents are part of the statewide group.

-Senior parents are doing more work outside of the community to share what is happening with other communities.

-A parent shared that they knew there were disparities with health equity, but did not know the extent. The Health Equity presentation (same presentation presented at

statewide CQI meeting) helped to define the issue. She is looking forward to the work Ingham LLG can do on this topic.

-Another parent shared the group is a great experience and opportunity to meet people and find her voice.

-One parent is still in the beginning of joining this group, but she is looking forward to being more tapped-into this work.

6. Home Visiting Needs Assessment Profile

-The results of the Home Visiting Needs Assessment were shared

-Data was provided and/or collected locally

-Many people participated in the focus groups to collect data

-Reviewed some of the data such as number of births; percentage of foreign born; language spoken at home; internet access; child maltreatment; violent crimes and families living in poverty.

-Ingham county has higher number of child maltreatment than the state and country. Number of families living in poverty are also slightly higher than the state average.

-13 programs available in Ingham county

-11 are evidence-based model

-2,800 families are eligible for services but only 298 are enrolled

-Gaps:

-There is a 3-year-old gap: Many 3-year-olds are not receiving services due to limited services available to the age range.

-Mental Health

-Strengths:

-Well connected to services

-Reviewed parents' feedback from the focus group

-When asked if we could expand, we responded we could not with the current funding. If more funding is made available, then we could expand. MPHI informed us that we need to change our response to yes or no because future funding will be based on readiness/willingness to expand.

-What defines child maltreatment? Is it the number of CPS/foster care, emergency room visits, domestic violence? Probably all of the above because the data was pulled from various sources.

-The Needs Assessment was emailed to all LLG partners

7. Parent Voice

Have you or will you set goals for you/your child and your home visitor for this coming year? If yes, tell us about them.

-Have not connected with home visitor yet and have not yet set any goals.

-Still have contact with my home visitor (child already aged out) and still receives encouragement to reach goal of being a great parent.

-Need to make sure that the home visitor follows-up with goals to keep the parents on track and hold them accountable.

8. February Spotlight

Robin Pizzo WKAR: Michigan Learning Channel

-9 counties are served; 600,000 viewers/county; **over 1,000,000 viewers**

-Free service

-Michigan Learning Channel is a new way to broadcast education opportunities.

-\$3.5 million to support this channel

-Currently building content:

- Library

- Connecting with MSU educators

- Family learning

- Curious Crew

- Pre-K to 3rd Grade: Math and Literacy

- Supplemental programming for 4th and up

- Includes exercise and physical education

- Social/emotional lessons

-Meant to be a tool and not a replacement.

-Go to WKAR.org and click on *Michigan Learning Channel* **or** click on the *Family* tab and then *At Home Learning* to access.

-Can view live or stream specific lessons. Go to *Find a Lesson* to search for specific lessons. You can also view the schedule to find upcoming lessons.

-WKAR has upcoming PD opportunity: How to align curriculum and advocate.

-Future spotlight for WKAR Kids

9. Updates and Announcements

-Ingham County Health Department is hosting a Town Hall on vaccinations tonight at 6-8pm. Dana will send an email with more information.

-WKAR Family Film Fest 1st Thursday of each month. This month is about a family trying to access college education. A panel will immediately follow the screening.

<https://www.wkar.org/post/personal-statement-wkar-screening#stream/0>

-Holly is the new advocate for the Lead Program. Email her with any questions

-Shared Pregnancy will provide assistance to parents without doing the classes right now. Go to the location and call when you arrive and they will bring out the resources.

-Regine is giving away baby boxes. Please send her program information to include in the boxes.