

Local Leadership Group Agenda

September 1, 2021

1:00pm-2:00pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Present: Melissa Threadgould, Regine Cherry, Quintin Baptiste, Tianna Leon, Antanea Robinson, Jasmine Tucker, Kristy Rappe, LaSean Thompson, Lisa Chambers, Jessica Baker, Effie Alofoje-Carr, Kae Dubay and Rebecca Meszaros

1. Welcome/Introductions

How can the LLG best support you this coming year?

Melissa: Rolling out ARC (Advancing Resilience in Children). This is a continuation of work already happening. Will be asking the LLG for support when this program begins.

LaSean: Resources are always helpful. They can be hard to find in the community.

Jessica: Recruitment for the Family Coalition

Rebecca: Provide resources and information on home visiting programs. Parenting classes for foster families and CPS cases are hard to find.

Quintin: Help promote Fatherhood program and SSHS

Jasmine: Encouraging words and prayer

Kristy: Resources to share with families and clarity of the home visiting programs

Lisa: Hearing parent voice around returning to in-person and comfortability

Tianna: Parent voice and promotion of workshops and classes as they phase back to in-person services

2. July Meeting Recap

July notes were reviewed and approved. Jasmine 1st and Antanea 2nd

3. Great Parents Great Start

No updates at this time

4. Home Visiting Continuum

Have previously worked to help parents receive deeper support and services. Will continue to work on this. We will need to update the continuum work report to document the ways our LLG work helps with this.

5. CQI Updates

Focus of PDSA Cycle 2 is Fatherhood Involvement in Home Visits. Gathered baseline data after the Parent panel to determine the number and ways home visitors engaged and involved fathers. A second survey was sent out to the home visitors to measure any changes in father involvement. Some of the survey responses indicated that the home visitors selected strategies to include fathers based on the father's interests. One home visitor indicated that they need to become more comfortable including the fathers.

6. Parent Voice

Home Visiting Conference Highlights

The Parents did an excellent job presenting at the conference!

Parent #1: Favorite part of the conference was the closing keynote. It was powerful to see the impacts of race/culture/zip code.

Parent #2: Really enjoyed the self-care model day

Parent #3: Also really liked the self-care workshop

7. Health Equity Share-Out

Health Equity will be a regular agenda item. This has been parent-led work and we will continue to hear from the parents. Effie shared the video: *Equity vs. Equality* and had some discussion

-Looking at health equity, we need to look at equity and not equality

-Food security and access to fresh food conversation:

- Melissa shared about a video that showed a bandage being given to everyone for all injuries (cut up to a broken bones) and demonstrated that all needs are different. Need to ensure that we meeting everyone's needs and not just providing the same solution.
- Access to WIC and EBT cards so they have access to food. How accessible is the application/information for ESL individuals/families?
- Other supports and services may not be fully accessible: Access to internet and literacy levels can be barriers

8. Home Visiting Table Updates

-Effie shared the Home Visiting Table and the Home Visiting Reference Sheet. Please send any updates to Effie by 9/15/21

9. Spotlight

Effie Alofoje-Carr, A Re-Imagined Ingham Local Leadership Group

Effie is stepping down from the LLG Coordinator position. She will work with Jessica and Kae during the transition. Jasmine will be stepping into the Parent Ambassador role. Goodbye and best of luck on your next endeavor, Effie! You will be missed!

10. Updates and Announcements

- DHHS lobby is partially open to make copies, access to the kiosk and get answers to quick questions. Short in and out visits only. Verifications are still being done through the drop-box.
- NFP is accepting referrals
- Vitality Parent Cafes begin on September 7th at 4pm. 4 Week series on different personalities and how best to support social and emotional growth
- Family Coalition meetings begin soon. September meetings will be 9/21 at 5pm and 9/23 at 6pm