

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

Meeting Notes

09/08/21

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Present: Jodi Ackerman-Lansing Parks & Rec, Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG Coordinator, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Quintin Baptiste-ICHHD Strong Start Healthy Start, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD/GSC Co-Coordinator, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, Kae Dubay-Parent, Marisela Garza-CADL, Lili Gloe-MSU Psychology Clinic, Laurie Linscott-MSU CDL, Terry Loynes-MSU Kinship Care, Sarah Martin-Central Resource Center, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD/GSRP, Robin Melay-Pizzo-WKAR, Rebecca Meszaros-MDHHS, Barb Monroe-Central Resource Center, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC Co-Coordinator, Kristen Osterhouse-Central Resource Center, Theresa Pittington-Cristo Rey, Kristine Ranger-Lansing Housing Commission, Jen Ries-PNC Bank, Juanita Rowan-Small Folks Development Center, Jessica Rubio-MSUFCU, Andrea Ryan-Stepping Up Together, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Jamie Yeomans-Ingham ISD/Parent

I. **Welcome and Inclusion Activity:** *“Thinking about your partnership with the GSC and your agency/organization and your role, how could you promote (and improve) literacy for Ingham families?”*

- Help families build home libraries by connecting them to resources in the area, including my own organization
- Promote resources on the KCRC Facebook page
- Yes, READY ROSIE
- Offer Early Literacy Workshops to Ingham Families. Just sent the invite yesterday to over 100 families
- Approved training in MiRegistry
- Provide free financial education to families
- Providing approved training for childcare providers in MiRegistry
- Continually share resources with staff and clients
- Books! Books! Books! I give thousands of new books away every year to promote home libraries and literacy. I just ordered over 2000 books today. BEST JOB EVER! 😊
- Share lists of books with providers and utilizing Lending Library
- Yes, ReadyRosie!!!! Can we get a flyer developed that we could hand out to families at playgroups?
- Having the conversation with families
- Provide free books to clients/public that uses our facility. Promote and advertise the libraries and other resources in the area
- CADL visits our After School Programs and camps once a week with boxes of books at different levels based on themes. We try to give books as prizes as much as possible.
- Lansing Housing Commission is sponsoring a zip code in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in partnership with Communities in Schools of Michigan. Since January, we have added 200 families! We also plan to put up Free Little Libraries on each property.

II. **Family Engagement:**

- **Family Coalition:** The September meetings are scheduled for 9/21/21 @ 5:00-6:00 pm and 9/23/21 @ 6:00-7:00 pm via Zoom. Discussion to include back to school and how to support student success; child (and caregiver) social-emotional health; and self-care. Contact InghamGSCPARENTS@gmail.com for more information. Flyers for future meetings are forthcoming.
- **Parent Cafés:** The first meeting was held 9/7/21 @ 4:00–5:00 pm with a focus on health and wellbeing; parenting experiences; community resources; and how to communicate with our

children to help build social emotional competence. The next meeting is scheduled for 10/5/21 @ 4:00-5:00 pm via Zoom. Contact Ingham LLG@gmail.com for more information.

III. Spotlight – Lansing Housing Commission (LHC) Resident Services Manager, Kristine Ranger

Today's [presentation](#) can be found on the Ingham GSC website. The Lansing Housing Commission is committed to the development and management of quality, affordable, and fair housing options in a compassionate, healthy, and safe way. LHC will deliver impactful resident services while maintaining the highest performance standards and outcomes. Resources and services are brought directly to the residents onsite at the properties, to eliminate potential transportation barriers. In addition, the lack of internet, computers, computer skills, and consistent phone numbers (of residents) continues to be a challenge. Communication is through Facebook, Instagram, website, word of mouth. A future focus is to connect the neighborhood where the properties are located (residents who are *not* part of the properties) to attend events. Andrea Ryan shared a link to various Lansing wards and civic organizations as a communication vehicle.

<https://www.lansingmi.gov/509/Civic-Organizations>. Contact kristiner@lanshc.org or 517.974.5697 for more information or to schedule a time to share your organization's resources with residents.

IV. Outcome Groups in Break-Out Rooms – Members addressed the following questions:

- Review revised Outcome Group Action Agenda. Does it reflect the work done at the August GSC meeting? Is there anything with which you cannot live?
- How does today's Spotlight align with your Outcome group's Activities?
- What progress has been made on Activities since the August GSC meeting?
- What are next steps to take on Activities by the October GSC meeting?

V. Updates

- **Early On:** This year, there are additional Early On funds for birth-3 programming, which is a requirement for local school districts. Priorities include servicing children and families with enough staff, the right kind of staff, the right tools, and to be good fiscal stewards by reducing the Medicaid bill back to local school districts. Recently, additional staff was added to accommodate an increase in referrals; a part-time social worker position was moved to full-time; and all staff will receive reflective supervision once/month. Further questions, contact ebrewer@inghamisd.org
- [Child Adolescent and School Health Conference](#): Scheduled for 10/18/21 @ 1:00-5:00 pm.
- **Eaton RESA:** [Full-Time Prevention Specialist](#)
- **Youth Thrive Summit:** 9/13-17, 2021 on Instagram Live
- **Central Resource Center:** Hosting a PPE Distribution on Thursday, 9/9/21 from 5:00-7:30 pm. FREE PPE (adult) and other resources for childcare providers.
- **Central Resource Center:** Hosting an Infant Toddler Learning Community Recruitment Event on Tuesday, 9/14/21 from 5:30–7:30 pm.
- **MSUFCU:** Is looking to partner in the future for any Financial Literacy trainings or presentations, contact Jessica.Rubio@msufcu.org.
- **The Ingham County MDHHS:** Lobby is open with very limited service. Clients can come in and ask very basic questions about their case, pick up an EBT card, make copies or use the kiosks to complete an online application. All paper verifications must be put in the drop box in front of our office, door 4.
- **WKAR:** [Great Return to School Townhall](#) is tonight on FB LIVE at WKAR and Michigan Learning Channel from 6:00-8:00 pm with Dr. Rice and Dr. Khaldun as guest speakers with several others. This is interactive and families can ask questions.
- [Kinship Care Resource Center:](#) Has approximately 100 Amazon e-gift cards for kinship caregivers. If you know a kinship family that could use a \$100 gift card, please have them call 1-800-535-1218.
- [CADL:](#) Capital Area District Libraries has a wonderful Read U.P. theme this fall, with great author events, U.P. themed trivia night, learning how to make pasties cooking program, a

U.P. themed story time, STEM programs for kids including one with rocks from Lake Superior.

- [Tri-County Office on Aging](#): Kinship Care Respite Program helps provide a break and relieve the stress of daily caregiving. The program is for 55+ non-parent caregiver of a child aged 18 years or younger with no income requirement. Call to apply 517.887.1440.

VI. Evaluation Poll – *“In reflecting on today’s meeting, which one of the six R’s resonates most with you?”*

- Recognition – I was recognized for what I contributed = 6%
- Respect – My values, culture, ideas and time were respected = 11%
- Role – My role was clear and meaningful, and I felt valuable = 6%
- Relationships – I had time and space to establish and build positive relationships = 28%
- Reward – The rewards of my participation outweighed the costs = 11%
- Results – The results of the meeting were visible and clearly linked to outcomes that are important to me and tied to my participation = 39%

VII. Adjournment & Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 @ 12:30 – 2:30pm.

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