

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

Meeting Notes

01/12/21

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Present: Bailey Anklam-CMH, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Quintin Baptiste-ICHHD Strong Start Healthy Start, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD/GSC Co-Coordinator, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, Carrie Chance-CACS Head Start, Kae Dubay-LLG Coordinator/LICC Parent Rep, Alex Gaitan-Flores-Ingham ISD Early On, Sheila Hartley-Early Autism Services, Anne Hughes-CMH, Jay Hull-CADL, Beth Lindley-MSU Kinship Care, Terry Loynes-MSU Kinship Care, Tianna Leon-Strong Start Healthy Start, Sarah Martin-Central Resource Center, Robin Melay-Pizzo-WKAR, Jason Mellema-Ingham ISD, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD/GSRP, Rebecca Meszaros-MDHHS, Barb Monroe-Central Resource Center, Travis Neller-Ingham ISD/GSC Co-Coordinator, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC Co-Coordinator, Kristen Osterhouse-Central Resource Center, Theresa Pittington-Cristo Rey, Andrea Ryan-Stepping Up Together, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Jasmine Tucker-LLG Parent, Dana Watson-ICHHD Maternal Child Health, Francine Watts-Grandparent, Jamie Yeomans-Parent/Ingham ISD Early On

Welcome, Introductions – A special welcome to Travis Neller, who joins us in his new role as Co-Coordinator of the Ingham GSC and GSRP Specialist at Ingham ISD. Travis previously worked at Eaton RESA with the Stepping Up Together Program. Travis enjoys coaching Waverly basketball, giving back to the community, and most importantly his role as dad to his 15-month-old son.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Activity – History of Racial Power in Early Childhood (Planning Team Members: Michelle Nicholson, Dana Watson, Tianna Leon, Rebecca Meszaros, and Andrea Ryan) In small groups, GSC members discussed the articles [“Save 100,000 Babies: The 1918 Children’s Years and Its Legacy”](#) and [“The Long, Contentious History of the Word Gap Study.”](#)

II. Outcome Groups in Break-Out Rooms Questions – Outcome Group discussion included the following questions regarding work over the past quarter (Sept – Dec 2021) followed by share out with all in attendance. So many successes are to be celebrated and can be found on the [Ingham GSC website](#).

- What has your data has your Outcome group been reviewing? (not specific data)
- What successes has your Outcome group experienced?
- What challenges has your Outcome group encountered?
- What next steps is your Outcome group planning?

IV. Updates

- **[Family Coalition \(FC\) Meetings](#)** – All are invited to attend via Zoom. Zoom meeting link can be found on the [Family Coalition flyer](#). The January schedule follows:
01/18/22 @ 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. or 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
01/20/22 @ 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Topic: New Year, New You, Physical Health and Nutrition
- **[Parent Vitality Café Meetings](#)** – The February/March schedule follows:
02/01/22 @ 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
03/01/22 @ 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Feb and March meetings discussion to focus on child’s education. Focus on protective factors
Topic: Promote wellbeing, a healthy you, and a healthy family
- **[Child Stabilization Grants](#)** – Michigan was awarded \$700 Million through the Federal American Rescue Plan for financial assistance for childcare providers re Pandemic-related expenses. Awards were/are given through two applications during Fall 2021 and Spring 2022.
Eligibility includes licensed centers, family, and group homes, tribal, Head Start and

GSRP providers who have a tuition-based program, for those open for business on the date of the application or closed temporarily due to Covid. 243 providers in Ingham County received a total of \$12,302,956.25 in funding. Contact [Kristen Osterhouse](#) for more information.

- [Covid Vaccination/Boosters \(available for ages 12 and older\)](#)
 - [Schedule](#) a Vaccine or Booster, 1/17, 1/26, 1/31 at MSU Breslin Center
- **CADL** – [Student Success Cards](#) are available for area students, and [Winter Reading Challenge](#) (for all ages) starts next week.
- **Retirement for Wendy Boyce** - 1/24/2022 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at 2630 W. Howell Road, Mason. Please join us for light refreshments as we celebrate Wendy!

V. Evaluation Activity

- What progress shared would you like to celebrate?
 - Great progress with the grants!
 - The data shared on child tax credit is something to be excited about for the future!
 - All the great work that has happened despite the challenges of the Pandemic.
 - Positive steps forward even in the midst of a Pandemic, staffing, and so many concerns.
 - Great hearing summaries from all breakout groups.
 - DEI work!
 - Ingham Racial Equity Cohort Team has training in MiRegistry.
 - All the wonderful literacy activities!
- What would you like to hear more about?
 - Work with the faith communities.
 - I enjoyed discussing the articles connected to equity and providing more of those would be great. Also, the Cultivating Genius book club would be interesting to preview.
 - Approved trainer in MiRegistry
 - Literacy Hub Grant
 - Further CPS data and information
 - Barriers to entry to “the table”

VI. Adjournment & Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 @ 12:30 – 2:30pm.

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