

Ingham Great Start Collaborative Operations Committee Notes

04/07/22

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Jessica Baker, Lisa Chambers, Kae Dubai, Anne Hughes, Rebecca Meszaros, Barb Monroe, Travis Neller, Michelle Nicholson, Stephanie Thelen

- I. The 04/07/22 Meeting Agenda was approved with one addition regarding annual Parent Panel. The March meeting notes were approved as stated.
- II. **Inclusion Activity:** “How is everyone feeling coming back from spring break?” Responses included refreshed, rushed, exhausted, renewed, spring break wasn’t applicable, fell down a flight of stairs but doing alright, and experienced a surprise 40th birthday party. (Happy 40th, Kae!)
- III. **Family Engagement, [Family Coalition](#) (FC):**
 - **[Family Coalition meetings](#)** – Feedback from families is they are more open to getting together for in-person meetings. Jessica will touch base with the Family Growth Center to discuss holding meetings there. Partners, please share meeting details with families, and consider attending a meeting with clients as a warm hand off. The April meeting will be held via Zoom.
04/18/22 @ 6:00-7:00 pm
04/21/22 @ 10:30-11:30 am or 6:00-7:00 pm
 - *Topic:* Let’s Talk It Out (Effective communication)
 - **Parent Cafés** – This week’s meeting discussion included the Protective Factors and an advocacy piece. Next meeting:
05/03/22 @ 4:30-5:30 pm
 - *Topic:* Advocating for yourself and for your family
- IV. **Plan 04/16/22 GSC Meeting Agenda:** Following are results from the March GSC survey. Based upon results, the DEI Inclusion Activity will remain at the beginning of GSC meetings.
 - **Timing of the DEI Activity**
 - At the beginning = 88%
 - In the middle = 12%
 - **Time spent in Outcome groups**
 - Too much = 35%
 - Not enough = 12%
 - Just right = 53%
 - **Interest and comfort in resuming in-person meetings**
 - Virtual only = 29%
 - Virtual and in person = 65%
 - In person only = 6%
 - **April Spotlight: Preschool Campaign** – The State invested funds for a messaging toolkit that includes images with children masked and unmasked, hand washing, etc., to help families feel more comfortable when sending their child to preschool. Travis recently attended a Campaign webinar and shared forthcoming information will be helpful to families to better understand the importance of preschool and with enrollment.
 - **Questions for Outcome Group Break Out Rooms**
 - Use jam board to get feedback from members on meetings—frequency of virtual or in-person meetings; what are expectations for meetings; what enhancements or new ideas are suggested?
 - A suggestion was made to include the questions with the meeting reminder.

- How does the Spotlight align with your Outcome group?
- What progress has been made since March and what are next steps for May?
- Ideas for future Spotlights
- **Updates**
 - Family Coalition
 - Annual Parent Panel May 18, 2022 – Parents/parent voice is needed for this upcoming event. Parents must currently be part of a home visiting program. Panel discussion will include challenges and successes of home visiting, either in-person or virtually. Parents may be able to receive a stipend to participate on the panel. A save the date flyer will be shared prior to the registration flyer.
 - Surveys through the County regarding better data on internet access for families.
- **Meeting Evaluation** – Poll, Word Cloud, Chat Bomb, Jam Board (It was decided to do the evaluation during Outcome group work time.)
- **Future Spotlights**
 - CACS
 - Reminders about partner services and resources provided to the community
 - [MIKidsMatter](#)
 - Michigan’s Children/Pritzker/Think Babies Michigan
 - Highfields (counseling)
 - Davies Project
 - Perinatal Systems Collaborative
 - WIC
 - Early On Updates
 - New GSTQ Revised (what this means to providers in Michigan)
 - MDHHS (Medicaid benefits, TANF, cash assistance, etc.)
 - MiBridges Resources
- **May In-Person Meeting?** Possibly hold the May meeting outside in person. Discuss expectations such as social distancing and masks.

V. Partner Updates

- **Stabilization Grants** are available for the Spring round. TV 10 featured this item on the news. \$1000 bonus for full-time providers are available; however, they must apply. New childcare providers are open and have space for children.
- **Week of the Young Child** reminds us of the term “pandemically impaired children.” Some little ones born during the pandemic have not regressed, rather they haven’t developed under “normal” circumstances with less interactions and socialization due to the Pandemic. Ingham ISD will share social media posts to include the why and what can families do/resources.

VII. Review Next Meeting Dates and Times

- GSC Meetings: April 13, 2022 @ 12:30 pm and May 11, 2022 @ 12:30 pm
- Operations Meeting: May 5, 2022 @ 1:00 pm

Adjourn

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