

Ingham Great Start Collaborative Operations Committee Notes

05/05/22

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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

- I. The 05/5/22 Meeting Agenda and the 04/07/22 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

Inclusion Activity: In commemoration of Cinco de Mayo and the Resilience Protective Factor, members shared small wins achieved over this past year:

- Have a much better understanding of the preschool application process.
- Adjusting to new role as LLG Coordinator and witnessing parents so eager to participate and take on leadership roles shows that opportunities have come full circle.
- Child's continued enthusiasm for school, and especially reading.
- FFPSA and the Literacy Hub Grant have offered new funding sources and initiatives to expand programs and services.

III. Family Engagement, [Family Coalition \(FC\)](#):

- One parent attended the April FC meeting with discussion on effective communication. It has been a struggle to engage parents in meetings lately—May and June FC meeting details are forthcoming. No FC meetings are scheduled for July and August.
- **Parent Cafés** – This week's Parent Café included discussion on advocacy. A new LLG parent was in attendance. No Cafés are scheduled for June, July, and August. The September meeting will include a GSC orientation as two long-term parents will be leaving, and new parents are expected to engage.

IV. Plan 05/11/22 GSC Meeting Agenda:

- **Feedback from the April GSC Meeting Follows** (*with today's discussion in italics*)
 - Suggestion to send a survey to ask these questions—emails get lost; you think you will respond to the email later, then forget; no input from members unable to attend today's meeting.
 - Movement/share out kinds of activities when we were meeting face-to-face.
 - Are the Workplan activities relevant at this point? Opportunities to revisit? Ingham scheduled to restart the process next year.
 - *The Workplan is approved by MDE; however, activities can be adjusted. If groups have accomplished activities, they can add additional activities.*
 - Can we not start at 12:30?
 - *In the past, meetings started at 1:00pm. The time changed to 12:30pm due to schedule conflicts, conflicts picking up/dropping off children, etc. A suggestion to start GSC meetings at 1:00 pm beginning in the fall.*
 - Play games related to the Spotlight/Early Childhood
 - *Incorporate "Jeopardy or Trivia" related to Spotlight for a fun, fresh way to engage, pique interest, and share information.*
 - DEI Work:
 - Is this something that needs to happen each month? Every member commits to do one thing before the next meeting.
 - Give some time to discuss items outside of the workplan but also need to have some level of format to ensure that all members are aware of the work/activities that is needed to be done.
 - *We are doing the work and having discussion, but where is it going—now what? Could members commit to intentionally having a*

conversation with someone they wouldn't normally talk with? Perhaps members could intentionally focus on reflecting and connecting with a prior DEI activity.

- *Does DEI work have to be related to Early Childhood only? What, if any, age group is targeted for GSC DEI work? More discussion to take place at the May GSC meeting.*
 - Commitment cards or action/communication plan to keep the work moving and people coming back.
 - Meet in person every quarter, six months, yearly.
- **DEI Activity (TBD on GSC meeting feedback)**
- **Spotlight-CACS** (Suggested Jeopardy or poll questions prior to the Spotlight to engage.)
- **Questions for Outcome Group Breakout Rooms**
 - How does the Spotlight align with your Outcome group?
 - What progress has been made since the April meeting?
 - What next steps will you take between now and the June meeting?
- **Updates**
 - Family Engagement
- **Meeting Evaluation** – Poll, Word Cloud, Chat Bomb, Jam Board

V. Operations Committee Updates

- **Spotlight Feedback Suggestions from April GSC Meeting Follow:** (Italicized items to be scheduled soon.)
 - Additional mental health resources
 - MI Alliance for Families (IEP, special education)
 - ISD Special Education Services
 - *Co-Parenting and How to Navigate*
 - Mindfulness/Wellness – MSUE?
 - Summer activities for children/families (CADL, Impression 5, Parks & Rec, etc.)
Don't necessarily need someone from every organization to present—we can share info for another organization.
 - Macaroni Kids
 - *MSU Kinship Care*
 - Refugee Services (Updates as new information is available Ukraine refugees?)
 - *MLPP (Rebecca shared information from this morning's MLPP webinar that aligned with Outcome 2.*
 - Community mental health
 - *Health Department*
 - Prenatal-Age 8 providers (CADL, others)
 - Early On
 - Build up MI
 - Inclusion Collective Document and Workgroup
 - MI Child Development and Care website change- how to navigate through the site for families applying
 - TEACH CDA and YDA
- **Future Spotlights**
 - Co-Parenting and How to Navigate – Lisa to check with Quinten (June?)
 - ICHD Back-to-School Vision, Hearing, Immunizations (Lisa July?)
 - MLPP Information that aligns with Outcome group work (August?)
 - MSU Kinship Care / September is awareness month (September?)
 - 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
- **June In-Person Meeting?** – In-person meeting will be planned outside. Lisa to check on venue per Ingham County Parks.

VI. Partner Updates

- Teddy Bear Picnic held last Saturday was packed despite cold, rainy weather. Over 200 books were given to families. Many families inquired about preschool.
- [MDHHS In-Person and Virtual 2022 Education Workforce Job Fairs](#) scheduled for May 11 (@LCC), June 7 (virtual), and August 1 (Schoolcraft College) Starting pay is \$15.00/hour; employers include Sparrow, CATA, Dean, Peckham, etc.
- Central Resource Center:
 - [Lansing Access Fair](#) is scheduled for June 11 at Wainwright Elementary 11am-2pm. Highlights include LARA, radon kits, fingerprinting, and more.
 - Childcare Stabilization Grants - Providers are working on fall reporting in preparation for spring grant applications.
 - Eaton county partnership to deliver books in charlotte and delta township. Contact barb if you have extra books.

VII. Review Next Meeting Dates and Times

- GSC Meetings: June 8, 2022 @ 12:30 pm
- Operations Meeting: June 3, 2022 @ 1:00 pm

Adjourn

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