

Local Leadership Group Agenda

May 4, 2022

1:00pm-2:30pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Present: Beth Walker, Rashmi Travis, Michelle Sabo, Rebecca Meszaros, Deanna Curry, Chelsea Cole, Lisa Chambers, Kristy Rappe, Jasmine Tucker, Jessica Baker, Regine Cherry, LaSean Thompson, Aaliyah Foreman, Kae Dubai, Travis Neller, Melissa Threadgould, Becky Carter, Quintin Baptiste, Antanea Robinson

1. Welcome/Introductions

How has the "forth" been with you?

2. April Meeting Recap

Meeting notes reviewed and approved: Kristy Rappe 1st and Deanna Curry 2nd

3. Great Parents Great Start

-Currently accepting referrals for Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). Have received 27 referrals. Working on moving referrals to enrollment. Contacting families has been challenging.
-Spring Play Groups began April 11th and end the week before Memorial Day.

4. CQI Update

Parent Leader Orientation Process

CQI PSDA Cycle 1 focused on Parent Leader recruitment. We were able to successfully recruit Becky through this process. The next cycle will focus on the orientation process. It was previously a hit or miss process in the past, so we are working to make a more formal process moving forward and will pilot the new process with Becky. CQI Team will keep LLG up to date with information.

5. Parent Panel

Postponed

We were unable to identify enough parents who received home visiting services during the pandemic to move forward with the Parent Panel as planned. We are considering going back to the basics and hearing from all of the current parent leaders and share their experiences again. We feel that there has been enough turn over in home visiting staff to revisit this format. The LLG agreed this is a good idea and we will move forward with this plan. The Parent Panel will be scheduled in July.

6. Continuum Work Update

Ingham identified our Continuum work would focus on Shared Professional Development. We hosted the Speed Dating Event for our PD event this year, but we have historically offered 2 events each year. Due to the unexpected cancellation of the Home Visiting Conference, we have some money left in our budget and are thinking of offering another Professional Development event in September with a keynote speaker. Some of the topics that we are considering include mental health, wellness, self-care, mindfulness etc. The LLG members liked these topics and are interested in moving forward with this event. Kae will reach out to identify some speakers for this event.

7. Spotlight

Becky Carter: EHS Parent

Welcome Becky!

Becky was enrolled in Early Head Start with our very own Deanna as her home visitor. Deanna recruited Becky for us. Some of the personal growth/empowerment that she received from being enrolled in home visiting services include the support and advice that she received from Deanna. Deanna help support her with her own mental health and encouraged her to reach out for support with anxiety. Deanna helped her find a doctor as well. Home visiting has meant so much more than just support for her family and early childhood, but support for herself as well.

8. Parent Voice

How has participating in LLG benefited you and your family?

Once you age out of LLG, what will you take from this experience?

How can we best support you/new/future parents to be fully engaged in the LLG and work?

-Parent #1: I was a big advocate for my kids but not in a way that benefitted them. Advocacy now is for long-term success of my kids. The LLG has helped me to network better and find resources in the community. I want to continue to be part of the LLG. I enjoy helping families. The LLG needs to keep up the work of supporting the families because the more parents are impacted, the greater the experience!

-Parent #2: Initially I wondered if I deserved to be here, but I found my purpose in the LLG meetings. I'm able to connect with other resources and share with others. The LLG provided my "why" and "how" for the work. I have gained confidence with my involvement in the LLG. The LLG needs to continue to empower the parents and lead them to new/more opportunities.

-Parent #3: I am so proud of all the parents! Each of them kept going throughout the pandemic and continued to push the work forward. This group has always supported each other. I have grown in my advocacy skills and learned my purpose of supporting parents.

-Parent #4: Home visiting has helped me with social struggles. I have enjoyed being involved and making a difference. I did not know how much was involved with home visiting (community and supports).

-Supervisor: Thank you to the parents for sharing their voices at the meetings and being involved in the work. Your input is listened to and taken back to the staff.

9. Updates and Announcements

-Pandemic EBT Funding Increase: There will be an increase for kids (K-12) who were enrolled virtually. They will receive a card in the mail with increases for September-December.

-Ingham County MDHHS Job Fair May 19th 10-2pm Corner of Jolly and Cedar in back parking lot

-Michelle Sabo will be going on maternity leave in June and returning in September.

Next meeting: June 1st @ 1pm