



Ionia County Great Start Collaborative Minutes
11/1//18
@ Ionia County Intermediate School District

Present: Molly Perez (The Right Door), Ken Bowen (Ionia County Health Dept), Peg Shaull-Norman (Ionia County Health Dept), Amber Gibson (DHHS), Jessica Higley (DHHS), Holly Blastic (Portland Parent), Carri Thayer (Portland Parent), Jessica Murphy (ICGSC), Melissa Stevens (8 Cap), Amy Opperman (GSRP), Sally Kapteyn (ICGSC), Kelly Piercefield (ICISD), Claire Hopkins (RAVE), Ashley Jory (Great Start to Quality), Dale Parus (Ionia Community Library), Wanda Zenk (PSIC), Cheryl Granzo (Early On), Mike Golczynski (Ionia Community Library)

- I. Welcome & Introduction
- II. Approval of Minutes - *Amy motioned, Claire Seconded*
- III. Presentation - Ken Bowen - Overview of Health Department programs
 - a. *See Power Point*
 - b. *Only WIC and MIHP are income dependent*
 - c. *MCDC*
 - d. *List of Reportable Diseases:*
www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/Reportable_Diseases_Michigan_by_Pathogen_478489_7.pdf
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Parent Coalition: Jessica Murphy
 - i. *Next meeting Nov 20th - working*
 - b. Early Education & School Advisory: Amy Opperman
 - i. *Met in September, working on transitions in and out of early childhood programs making improvements on enrollment, literacy essentials.*
 - ii. *next meeting is November 27th @ 11:30*
 - iii. *Stephanie and Jessica met with SHARE Groups, see attached reports.*
 - iv. *GSRP rocking and rolling, some behaviors due to trauma, keeping busy*
 - c. Executive Committee – Molly Perez
 - i. *Establishing new guidelines for distribution of funds*
 - d. Family Support and Wellness
 - i. *Working on collaboration around transportation barriers*
 - ii. *Inviting dial-a-ride to next meeting,*
 - a. *working to put a system in place*
 - b. *Health Dept partnered with dial a ride to provide tokens to get hep a shot, only 4 out of 300 were used.*
- V. Director Report

- a. *Trauma committee put together, 25 people first meeting November 15th, showing “resilience” movie and start discussions on what is available and what is needed.*
- b. *Work plan and budget approved, with just a few changes, need to reorganize how we distribute fund, things need to match directly to goals.*
- c. *GSC GSQ and GSPC will be going through changes, which will be rolling out slowly. A lot will have to do with Michigan’s low rank as far as 0-3.*
 - i. *First change was a change in our budget*
 - ii. *Shared services, Sally will be going to a meeting about creating a hub around childcare needs, (get Sally’s notes)*
- d. *Kent County “Ready by 5” proposal, early childhood millage. Family Futures is pushing for this, they will be*
- e. *RAVE house is in need of a lot of repairs, working on putting together a group to update paint and flooring.*

VI. Round Table Updates

- a. *Mike G - Vote on Tuesday!*
- b. *Cheryl G -*
 - i. *Count 131 in 0-3 82 SPED 51 EO, 42 kids transferred directly to IEPs, 37 referrals this month, 17 kids with concerns for ASD, looking to add a team member skilled in ASD, looking to hire a nurse as well.*
 - ii. *Playgroups, attendance is really good, change attendance policy and it is working 18 kids on waitlist.*
 - iii. *DPIL 2200 kids each month \$4300 per month, Nov 17th pancake breakfast at Applebee’s 8-10, looking for volunteers, Ionia Imagination FB Page - please share, Quilt Raffle coming up in March.*
 - iv. *Tier one Support training in Sept was really well received, followed up with Community of Practice class about mental illness in adults, having conversation with families.*
 - v. *Dec 3rd literacy training*
- c. *Wanda Z*
 - i. *Looking for an executive director, check website for info*
 - ii. *looking to have ultrasound installed in December*
- d. *Dale Parus - Vote on Nov 6 for the entire community*
- e. *Ashley J - Nov 27th Infant Toddler Conflict Resolution training at Kid’s World in Ionia.*
- f. *Claire H -*
 - i. *Taking a breather after a busy October*
 - ii. *Transitions Counseling doing a fundraiser, Create for a Cause, (get flyer)*
- g. *Melissa - Central Offices housed in Orleans as of Tuesday*
- h. *Holly - Weekend meals programs in Portland, Portland Backpacks for Bellies 600 students get free or reduced lunches, gotten a lot of community support. Hoping to give to all students GSRP to Higher Grades and their families. Asking Portland community fund to operate under their 5013c.*
- i. *Jessica H - Starting February 1st Ionia, Montcalm, Mason, Lake, Newaygo and Oceana moving to universal case load. Task based vs case load base (get hand out from Jessica H)*
- j. *Amber G - Toys for Tots apps online and at DHHS*
- k. *Peg - Planning to start birthing classes in January*
- l. *Molly Perez - Drab to Fab event next Friday, received a grant to offer nutrition class and groceries.*

VII. Calendar updates – www.greatstartionia.org/news-events/

Next Meeting Date: January 10, 2019

October 2018 LICC Report

5 Sessions, 2 in Belding 3 in Ionia

22 Parents

Our theme this year is going to be Advocacy and Parent Leadership so we started by talking about their family's rights in the Early On program, we passed out a one sheet with information about those rights and went over them as a group.

We asked the group if they remembered getting the rights flyer and most of them did, but many of them did not remember going over it with their provider. A few of the parents suggested sharing it after the first visit when things are more settled, and also going over it again at the 6 month review. Another parent suggested doing a rights video.

We also talked about how families are able to receive Early On services outside their homes and whether that option had been presented to them. Most parents did not know that was a possibility so we talked about what that could look like and encouraged them to ask their providers about it.

Other Comments:

We talked about how families are matched with their providers.

One parent mentioned how she used the contact info in the newsletter to switch to a different provider.

A parent suggested an ISD Evaluation/Provider of the Month

Many parents did not know that you can do the Wayne State Survey online

A parent suggested distributing the Transition to K packs at private schools