



Great Start Collaborative

Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2019

- **Michigan Department of Education and Office of Great Start**
 - Top 10 in 10 video links:
 - <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-80635-423982--,00.html>
 - Strategic Plan for Michigan to be a top 10 school in 10 years. (attachment)
- **GSRP/Misd Update:**

GSRP-The GSRP in Macomb County is the 4th largest following Oakland, Wayne and Kent counties. 500 students are currently on a waitlist which shows the need for our county to receive more allocations. We now have to report to the state our waitlist and they want 60% of eligible GSRP 4 year olds to be served for each ISD. Macomb is under the 60% threshold. 3,800 seats and 115 classrooms.

ISD- allocate funds out and new governor wants universal preschool
Community based partners should make up 30% of slots and currently we are at 28%.

Early Childhood Conference- Just under 300 people attended and the guest speaker was Nefertiti Bruce Poyner from Devereux Assessment. She addressed the burn out in early childhood and the need for resilience. She also tied in the protective factors and how adults can handle stress. She shared great strategies, optimism, sense of humor, and building relationships. Shared link: <https://youtu.be/ipnGPeRly2k>

ECSN Grant-Michigan Department of Education along with Office of Great Start has received funds from the Michigan Development Endowment- Michigan Child Development Grant for a grant to reallocate funds to agencies that would work in 4 quadrants of the state. We are the south east region (10 counties). We are collaborating to apply for the ECSN Grant for the Southeastern Region. The other counties are also applying collaboratively for this grant. The structure would allow for one director to oversee county coordinators on the quality improvement work. CCDF Fund(s) will be used.
- **Great Start Coordinator Report:**
 - Great Start Executive Committee has two openings for members at large to navigate and support the Great Start initiatives in Macomb County. The Executive Committee meets 4 times a year and is a strong decision making body on behalf of the Great Start Macomb. If you are interested in a position, please reach out to Nina Manauis or Cris Robson or Kelly Isrow.
 - Preschool Development Grant - Award Announcement-Michigan is one of 45 states awarded funding through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services designed to improve states' early childhood landscape by building on existing federal, state, and local early care and learning investments.

The grants focus on three major activities: maximizing parental choice; improving transitions within early care and learning programs and with elementary schools; and improving overall quality of early childhood education programs.

The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) authorized the creation of a new national PDG program that fosters connections across early learning programs, and between the early learning and K-12 systems within states.

Under its grant, Michigan will develop a statewide strategic plan for children, birth to age 5, based on a needs assessment, with support from the state's 54 Great Start Collaborative and 60 Great Start Parent Coalitions.

The major goals in Michigan's grant application are to:

- 1. strengthen the overall system and improve the relationship between state, regional, and local entities that support young children and their families;
 - 2. better identify children in need of programs and services;
 - 3. better connect families to programs and services; and
 - 4. Improve transitions and connections between programs.
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- Office of Great Start and MDE- Two Grant Opportunities: The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the availability of funds for a grant to support four entities to develop and facilitate access to a better coordinated and easier to navigate early childhood system for providers and families that addresses the needs of the whole child. The overarching goal is to provide statewide coverage utilizing four regions. MDE will award at least four grants to an agency, organization, or institution with expertise in system building, technical assistance and grant management. The deadline to apply for this grant is February 22, 2019.
 - The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the availability of funds for a grant to support the day to day oversight and implementation of the state's quality rating improvement system, GSQ. The grant will begin on July 1, 2019 (if necessary for a transition period) leading into full FY19 implementation. The deadline to apply for this grant is February 22, 2019.
 - Michigan Newborn Screening Infographic -The Michigan Newborn Screening Infographic describes three critical tests required by Michigan law to find babies with rare, but serious disorders requiring early treatment. One of these tests is the newborn hearing screen. Each year over 105,000 babies have a hearing screen. The percentage of babies who need repeat screening that do not receive that follow-up testing has risen to 47% in 2016, placing these newborns at greater risk for delayed language acquisition, neural development and reading readiness. Please encourage family members, patients and clinical staff to refer any infant with a failed newborn hearing screen for a hearing evaluation.
For more information visit www.michigan.gov/ehdi or call 517-335-8955.
- **Parent Coalition:**
 - Adventures in Parenting-the next GSPC meeting will be held on March 21, 2019 at 6 p.m. and the topic will be Modeling Positive Examples for Children.
 - STAR Pilot (Spend Time and Read) last two events will take place at Kennedy Early Childhood Center, April 9, 2019 and May 28, 2019, from 3-5 p.m. (attachment)
 - GSPC Self-Assessment first phase was completed in January with good results. Ten parents participated in the 4 hour assessment for the state. With a diverse group, the

parent voice was heard in the assessment process and our strengths were many with suggestions of improvement on looking at diverse family types and inclusion of alternative child caregivers. The second part of the assessment will take place on February 28th and the final results will be shared in a formal document to the collaborative group.

- **MIPP/Early On Updates:**

- Denise Uhouse has retired as Early On Coordinator for MISD, after 42 years. She will be missed by many in the county for her dedication to serving children and families. The posting for her position has taken place and the interview process will take place next week with hoping to secure a replacement in early March.
- A new audiologist has been added to the staff of the assessment center. Please remember that there is no requirement for free hearing screening at the assessment center for ages 0-3. Parents do not need to go through the individual school district(s), they can call the assessment center directly and let the center know there is a concern with hearing.

- **HSCB Report**

- Traveling Tours will take place in May again this year (May 22-23). Please register for this annual event that is a great way to learn about the services in Macomb County.

- **Michigan League for Public Policy:**

MLPP-Budget approved. Some impact on SNAP. State new administration, so there is a 30 day extra extension to produce budget. March 5th is the deadline. Focus on infrastructure, water, employment and free community college and early literacy. More info to come after March 5th. MLPP gets to look at budget briefs to compare state difference in approaches. Federal dollars for childcare to increase eligibility -63 million in new money (new base money) October-September funding year.
Increase in Early On to 20 million (discussions taking place)
Discussions on 3 year old to GSRP (MLPP is pushing that)
Discussions on Special Education and Early Intervention combining.
Check out website for policy recommendations. Website also has tax information for services. <https://mlpp.org/>

- **Presenter: JoAnne Elkin, Early Literacy Consultant-Early Literacy Initiative (previous email with attachments)**

- **Terri Nekoogar, CMH Program Supervisor-Mobile Unit Data**

Phone number 586) 307-9100

We try to help over the phone before launching mobile unit. State indicated that a mobile unit was needed but did not provide funding. We utilized staff we had from CMH-

First report was 7-1 through 12-31 (4 or 5 calls outside of scheduled hours)

Two requirements:

*Macomb County

*active Medicaid

Can go anywhere in the county unless already admitted to hospital or incarcerated. Mobile unit will show up within 1 hour of phone call. The call goes through Macomb County Crisis Center, Access #.

2 people (Master level clinician and Parent support partner)

Responded to 88 cases since April.

Mobile requirement is follow up within 7 days if already assigned to CMH.

Age(s) birth through age 21.

Most cases are suicide / depression but mobile unit does not have boundaries of what is a crisis. So it is up to the person contacting for help to determine what the crisis is.

Updates:

CARE of SEM-with the SIF grant from United Way is working on Play and Learn Groups for new moms that are in the substance abuse program at Sacred Heart. Parenting Conference coming up on March 23rd and scholarships are still available.

Great Start to Quality- FY18 met state matrix and exceeded them. Wayne, Oakland and Macomb 55-5 star centers and 405-4 star centers. 50% are either a 4 or 5 star rating. GSQ is happy with these numbers!

Trinity Lutheran-Summer Camp is being planned. Trying to keep camps affordable. Volunteer opportunity for 7th -9th graders. On website they can fill out an application, go through interview process and potentially get a position as a helper for the summer camp program. Great opportunity!

High Schoolers also have opportunity to apply and receive either volunteer hours or \$100 grant for education. Please check out the website <https://trinityct.org/summercamp/>

Baby Resource Network-Infant Safety Expos coming up April 27th at Warren Recreation Center and May 9th at MISD. Pregnant women and one guest are invited. Usually 75-100 attend. Vender tables available.

Judson Center-received grant for family health clinic integrated care clinic with behavioral health. Received 500,000 through Michigan Health Endowment Fund. Warren location 13 and Hoover.

Branches Crew-charity event taking place. Flyers will be circulated. Nonprofit work off of 100% donations for ages newborn to 18 crisis situations.