



MEETING NOTES

Region 49 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 – 1:30-3:00pm

Council Members present: Danen Busch, Beverly Clark, Cindy Mahr, Tammy Muerhoff, James Richardson Jr., Marcia Seabolt, Michael Terry, Lisa Williams
Council Members absent: Melissa Gravert, Janet Hill, Tess Hurt, Andrea Flannery, Marcy Mendenhall, Kate Jennings, Lindsay Meeker, Tiera Teague

Welcome & Review of Community Agreements

Action Council and members review community agreements.

Regional Needs Assessment Recommendations

- **Streamlined Service Coordination**
 - Community navigators/liasons
 - Limit duplicative services
 - Communication and collaboration
 - Reduce silos
 - Coordinated access
 - Reduce bureaucracy
 - Streamline
 - Navigation of services

- **Informed ECEC Policy**
 - Substitute teacher designations
 - Enhance background check process
 - Policy change for background checks
 - Policy change for compensation

- **Workforce**
 - Increased wages for ECEC staff
 - Recruitment and training of quality staff
 - Promote diverse workforce

- **Family Access**
 - Easier, digital format of CCAP application and process



- Family education and support
- Child care accessibility
- Decrease cost to families
- Child care deserts

- **Unified Advocacy**
 - Unified voice
 - Review of cost structure in systems
 - ECEC lobbyists

- **Inclusion for Individualized Needs**
 - Accommodations needed for specialized needs
 - Navigating EC special needs
 - Difficult behaviors
 - Language and cultural barriers

Next Meeting – Action Council

Date/Time: TBD

BridgePointe - 1 Montgomery Drive – Moline, IL 61265

Zoom link for virtual attendees:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81254094810?pwd=cjRsRktCMnVXUEx5VFhFTVhNV2FRZz09>