



MEETING NOTES

Region 49 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, April 20, 2023 – 12:30-2:00pm

Council Members present: Natalie Doyle, Jamie Nordling, Antoine Smith Sr.
Council Members absent: Jazmin Cervantes, Jess Lovera-Matter, Kristen Petry, Abigail Pritchard, Georgia Stear, Ashley Tharp, Amanda Wentler

Welcome, Review of Community Agreements & Teambuilding

Family Council members were welcomed and collectively reviewed Community Agreements.

Action Council Updates

Emily Cummings shared that the Action Council participated in a consensus-building meeting, determining the most prominent needs and their themes.

Regional Needs Assessment Recommendations

- **Coordinated Access**
 - Coordinated intake
 - Central hub for families
 - Communication between entities
 - Birth through five screenings
 - Streamline services
 - Special needs navigation
 - Better functioning online/IT systems
 - Community liaisons

- **Community Connectedness & Trust**
 - Trusted agencies and providers
 - Providers mirror families
 - Understand distrust by population
 - Trusted messengers

- **Workforce Recruitment & Retention**
 - Recruitment of workforce



- Pay equity
 - Support for workforce morale
 - Incentivize the ECEC field
 - Reflective practice
 - Coaching for teachers
 - Provide or subsidize benefits for ECEC professionals
 - Provide higher education for ECEC staff
- **Data-Driven Policies**
 - Policy reform
 - Be proactive instead of reactive
 - Streamline services
 - Continued funding increases for birth through 3
 - Inclusion in community-based settings
 - **Specific Population Services**
 - Home visiting programs
 - Transportation services
 - Increase mental health services

Next Meeting: TBD

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