



MEETING NOTES

Region 47 Action Council Meeting

Location: Sauk Valley Community College

Date & Time: April 20, 2023, 9:00am-11:00am

Council Members present: Andrea Cossey, Kimberly Crump, Maggie Fern, Anji Garza, Lois Meisenheimer, Diana Merdian, Kris Noble, Krista Peterson, Monica Wolfley

Council Members absent: Rachael DeSpain, Aaqil Khan, Lisa Lilja, Diane Lynn Ott, Beth Smaka, Lauren Stafford

9:00am Welcome & Structure of Meeting (30 minutes)

Notes: The structure of the meeting was a casual open house-style walk-through of the Regional Needs Assessment highlights. Presentation of the Region 47 Needs Assessment draft, including data points, quotes, and highlights of the narrative. All meetings prior to this have been hosted on Zoom, this was an opportunity for members to meet in person and converse. Members were given a Regional Needs Assessment highlight handout to look over at their own pace.

9:30am Data Walk & Feedback (80 minutes)

Notes: Birth to Five Illinois Team (Abby, Isabel, and Stephanie), Sauk Valley STARS Chair (Lois), and Marlene McKenzie, (Illinois Action for Children) who serves as a Coach with Birth to Five Illinois and conducted the Community-Based Planning for Expansion Project with the STARS coalition, went through the room assisting members with facilitating conversation, answering questions, and gathering feedback. Members walked through each section of the Regional Needs Assessment and added sticky notes if they had questions or feedback. At the end of the data walk, members gave strengths, needs, and recommendations for Early Childhood Education and Care in Region 47.

10:50am Conclusion and Next Steps (10 minutes)

Notes: We thanked our members for their time and dedication to their work with a small memento and talked about the next steps for the dissemination of the Regional Needs Assessment into the community. Members who were not able to attend the meeting were given alternative options for participation.



Follow-up/Next Steps: In the next meeting, we will go over the feedback from both the Action Council and Family Council in-person meetings to finalize the strengths, needs, and recommendations for Region 47.

Next Meeting:

Date: May 9th, 2023

Time: 10:15am-11:15am