



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 47 Family Council Meeting

**Location:** Zoom

**Date & Time:** May 18, 2023, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Council Members present: Angie Danielson, Jessica Higgins, Brittany Howard, Shayla Johnston, Maggie LaFever, Carly Rodriguez

Council Members absent: Charis Allen, Candace Antczak, Sasha Gomes

#### **6:00pm Welcome and In-Person Meeting Recap (10 minutes)**

Notes: Stephanie King recapped the in-person Council meetings that took place at Sauk Valley Community College and Dixon Park District. During these meetings, members went over highlights of the Regional Needs Assessment, gave feedback, and shared recommendations for Region 47. Members who were not able to attend shared their feedback individually with the Region 47 team. Stephanie recapped the strengths, needs, and recommendations gathered from the in-person council meetings via Jamboard; shared members' thoughts with the entire group, and sought any clarification if needed.

#### **6:10pm Strengths, Needs, and Recommendations Discussion (15 minutes)**

Notes: Abby Hoskins presented members with the current draft of the strengths, needs, and recommendations in the format they will be written in the Regional Needs Assessment. Members reviewed each section to give feedback ensuring that the needs section reflected statements that they and their families can relate to and/or agree with. Members reviewed the recommendations sections that gave local and state suggestions to improve Early Childhood Education and Care in the Region.

#### **6:50pm Dissemination Introduction (10 minutes)**

Notes: After the Regional Needs Assessment is done, the Birth to Five Illinois team and Council members will work to share this report with community members. Members discussed a few ways of engaging with the community and their comfort levels with different types of outreach for dissemination.

Decisions made: As the summer approaches the Birth to Five team will reach out to members to see how they would like to participate in the dissemination plan and finalize it at the June meeting.



**7:00pm Survey (10 minutes)**

Notes: An email was sent out from Stephanie with a letter from Cicely Fleming, Birth to Five Illinois Director thanking members for their dedication to the work along with a survey to give feedback on their time in the Family Council. Members were given time to complete the survey during the meeting.

**7:10pm Summer Meetings & Questions (5 minutes)**

Notes: Stephanie went over the summer meeting schedule and discussed the goal of getting out into the community to share the Regional Needs Assessment once completed.

**Follow-up/Next Steps:** In the next meeting, we will go over the dissemination plan and follow up with members who are interested in participating. Members will receive calendar invites for the summer meetings.

Next Meeting:

Date: June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm