



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 47 Action Council Meeting

**Location:** Zoom

**Date & Time:** May 9, 2023, 10:15am-11:15am

**Council Members present:** Kimberly Crump, Rachael DeSpain, Maggie Fern, Anji Garza, Lois Meisenheimer, Krista Peterson, Beth Smaka

**Council Members absent:** Andrea Cossey, Aaqil Khan, Lisa Lilja, Diana Merdian, Kris Noble, Diane Lynn Ott, Monica Wolfley

#### **10:15am Welcome and Recap on In-Person Council Meetings (15 minutes)**

Notes: Abby Hoskins recapped the in-person Action Council meeting that took place at Sauk Valley Community College. Members during the in-person meeting went over highlights of the Regional Needs Assessment giving their feedback on sticky notes and shared recommendations for Region 47. Members who were not able to attend shared their feedback individually with the Region 47 team. During this meeting, Abby recapped the recommendations of changes or additions needed for all sections of the RNA given by both the Action and Family Council; sharing members' thoughts with the entire group and seeking any clarification if needed.

Notes: Stephanie King recapped the in-person Family Council meeting that was held at the Dixon Park District. This meeting followed a similar structure to the Action Council and was an opportunity to thank members for their dedication to the work. Family Council interest forms will open back up in June, with the goal of bringing on more members.

#### **10:30am Strengths, Needs and Recommendations Discussion (30 minutes)**

Notes: Through Jamboard members went over the strengths and needs of Region 47 as it relates to Early Childhood Education and Care, which were compiled from the in-person meeting and Jamboard submissions. Members discussed each submission, added additional strengths, needs, & recommendations, and grouped notes together for clarity.

Decision Made: Notes and edits made during the meeting will be compiled into a Google document where members will be able to read a draft of the strengths, needs & recommendations and share their thoughts.



**11:00am 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. 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.

**Follow-up/Next Steps:** In the next meeting, we will discuss the finalized Regional Needs Assessment. We will also go over the dissemination plan for the summer.

Next Meeting:

Date: June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Time: \*10:00am-11:00am

\*A new time for this meeting since there will not be a STARS meeting following the Birth to Five Illinois Action Council meeting.