



MEETING NOTES

Region 47 Action Council Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date & Time: June 13, 2023, 10:00am-11:00am

Council Members present: Andrea Cossey, Kimberly Crump, Maggie Fern, Lisa Lilja, Diana Merdian, Kris Noble

Council Members absent: Rachael DeSpain, Anji Garza, Aaqil Khan, Lois Meisenheimer, Diane Lynn Ott, Krista Peterson, Beth Smaka, Monica Wolfley

10:00am Welcome and Updates (10 minutes)

Notes: Members participated in an icebreaker sharing what they are looking forward to in the summer. Abby updated the Council on the release of the Regional Needs Assessment and her participation in an upcoming listening session for the Early Learning Council. Abby also shared that Stephanie, Family and Community Engagement Specialist, is undergoing parent café training with the goal of improving community member engagement and collaboration.

10:10am Regional Needs Assessment Dissemination Discussion (30 minutes)

Notes: Abby discussed a plan for connecting with the community throughout the summer and asked members for their feedback and ideas on how/where to connect. Council members are encouraged to join the Region 47 team at dissemination events to speak about the council's work, connect with community members, and gather additional insight. Some ideas for dissemination include popsicles in the park, town halls (either in-person or virtual), attending community events, holding a legislative meeting, partnering with schools/child care in their end-of-summer & school kick-off events, and holding listening sessions. The goal is to connect with community members and share the work that has been done. Members shared ideas for outreach and partnering with agencies, child care, schools, and libraries.

Decision Made: A Google calendar will be created to share information on events with members.

10:40am Action Council and Family Council Recruitments (15 minutes)

Notes: Interest forms are open, and recruitment for the Action and Family Councils has started. The goal of the Action Council is to increase the number of stakeholders



that do not come from the Early Childhood Education and Care field such as health care, businesses, social services, and other voices. Members discussed individuals to contact and agencies to reach out to.

Next steps: The Region 47 team will follow up with members with potential individuals who may be interested in the Council's work.

10:55am Council Feedback and Next Steps (5 minutes)

Notes: The Region 47 team is meeting with council members to check in and gather feedback. Feedback gathered from Council members will be used to coordinate future meetings and streamline things more between the STARS Coalition and Action Council. The goal for year two of council work is to dive further into topics that were discussed during the first year such as transportation, healthcare, and mental health, and take the recommendations made in the Regional Needs Assessment to create an implementation plan.

Next Meeting:

Date: July 11th, 2023

Time: 10:15am-11:15am