



MEETING NOTES

Region 56 Action Council Meeting

Location: Virtual

Date & Time: Thursday, June 22nd, 2023, from 12:30 pm-1:30 pm.

Council Members present:

- Amy Loy
- Ellise Boyd-Johnson
- Sherry Coe
- Paula Kennedy
- Debrah Clark
- Sandifer Thomas
- Hassan Von Schlegell

Council Members absent:

- Stephanie Bentley
- Kathy Fudge-White
- Elizabeth Kaufman
- Stephanie Thompson
- Cherita Tousson-Bowens
- Amy Martin

Welcome & Agenda (2 minutes)

Notes: The Region 56 Team welcomed the Action Council Members and went over the agenda for the meeting. The agenda is as follows:

- Sign in / Community Agreements
- Regional Needs Assessment (RNA) Update / Summer Plan
- Upcoming Meetings
- RNA Presentation Dates & Details
- Action Council Expectations, Renewal, & Recruitment
- Feedback / Closing

Decisions made: n/a

Next Steps: n/a

Sign-in & Community Agreements (3 minutes)



Notes: The Region 56 Team asked the Action Council Members to sign in and go over the Community Agreements together. The Community Agreements are as follows:

- Listen to understand.
- Assume good intent but accept responsibility for impact.
- Use "I" statements.
- Move Up / Move back.
- Names stay, lessons leave.
- Listen to each other and come up with solutions.
- Compassion and empathy.
- Patient and open to change.

Decisions made: n/a

Next Steps: n/a

Regional Needs Assessment Update & Summer Plan (10 minutes)

Notes: The Region 56 Team presented the information for the Regional Needs Assessment updates and summer plans moving forward. The information shared was:

- Monthly Action and Family Council meetings.
- Recruit additional Action and Family Council members.
- Brainstorm who is missing at the table.
- Draft Regional Needs Assessment addendum based on community feedback.
- Share your story and experience at Regional Needs Assessment presentations.

Decisions made: n/a

Next Steps: n/a

Upcoming Meetings (5 minutes)

Notes: The Region 56 Team provided the dates and times for upcoming meetings. The information shared was:

- July Meeting
 - o Media Training (Share your story)
 - o Thursday, July 20th, 1 pm-2 pm
- August Meeting
 - o Attend Regional Needs Assessment Presentation
 - In-person option, Tuesday, August 8th
 - Virtual option, Wednesday, August 16th



Decisions made: n/a

Next Steps: n/a

RNA Presentation Dates & Details (5 minutes)

Notes: The Region 56 Team presented the dates and details to the Regional Needs Assessment presentation. The details provided were:

What to expect for the Regional Needs Assessment presentation:

- Access to the full digital version of the Regional Needs Assessment.
- Provided with a one-page summary/infographic.
- Opportunity to provide feedback on Regional Needs Assessment accuracy.
- Brainstorm ways to implement regional and state recommendations.

Option 1 in-person:

- Tuesday, August 8th, 2023
- 7:00 pm-8:30 pm at Joliet Junior College – U Auditorium
- 1215 Houbolt Rd, Joliet, IL 60431.

Option 2 Virtual (Zoom):

- Wednesday, August 16th, 2023.
- 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Decisions made: n/a

Next Steps: n/a

Action Council Expectations, Renewal, & Recruitment (5 minutes)

Notes: The Region 56 Team presented the Council expectations, renewal, and recruitment information. They were shared as:

- Action Council Participation Expectations:
 - o Full participation is required.
 - o Sharing your story.
 - o Adding and enriching Birth to Five Illinois with your contribution to understand family experiences that contribute to inequalities related to ECEC.



- Contact the Regional Administrative Support about continued Action Council participation considering the newly implemented participation expectations.
- Interest forms are open for Action Council.
 - o <https://www.birthtofiveil.com/action>

Decisions made: n/a

Next Steps: n/a

Follow-up/Next Steps:

Next meeting:

July Meeting

- Media Training (Share your story)
- Thursday, July 20th, 7 pm-8 pm