



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 47 Family Council Meeting

**Location:** Zoom

**Date & Time:** June 8, 2023, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Council Members present: Charis Allen, Sasha Gomes

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

#### **6:00pm Welcome and Icebreaker (10 minutes)**

Notes: Stephanie welcomed members and the group participated in an icebreaker

#### **6:10pm Dissemination Plan (15 minutes)**

Notes: Members were updated on the release of the Regional Needs Assessment. Stephanie discussed a plan for connecting with the community throughout the summer and asked members for their feedback and ideas on how and where to connect. Members are encouraged to join the Region 47 team for the dissemination of the Regional Needs Assessment; they were invited to join events to speak about the Council's work and connect with community members. Some ideas discussed in the meeting were doing popsicles in the park where families can bring their children and we can discuss findings, gather additional input, and share information about Birth to Five Illinois.

Notes: As a part of the dissemination work, the Region 47 team, Action, and Family Council members will work together to create a webinar that will highlight portions of the Regional Needs Assessment with the goal of having different voices contributing to the prerecorded webinar.

Decisions made: A Google form was created to collect council members' feedback on their interest in participating in the webinar. A Google calendar will be created to share information on events and shared out with members. Members who were not able to make it to the meeting were emailed the Google form and instructions.

#### **6:25pm Family Council Recruitment (10 minutes)**

Notes: Council interest forms go live June 12<sup>th</sup> and will be reviewed in August with the goal to add more members to both Action and Family Councils. Members discussed



what voices are missing from the council and what efforts can be made to include those voices.

**6:35pm Next Meeting Plan (10 minutes)**

Notes: The next meeting is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> and will be a hybrid meeting with independent time to review the Regional Needs Assessment along with an in-person portion at the Dixon Park District.

Notes: Stephanie will reach out to members to send Regional Needs Assessment, have members read over it, and fill out a Google form to answer some questions.

**6:45pm IECAM Survey (5 minutes)**

Notes: Abby discussed a survey that was sent out to members to gather feedback on IECAM (Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map).

**6:50pm Series of Polls and Questions (10 minutes)**

Notes: Members who attended the meeting answered a series of poll questions to gather feedback on future meeting topics and ways we can improve meetings.

**Follow-up/Next Steps:** The next meeting will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The Region 47 team will follow up with council members who expressed interest in participating in the pre-recorded webinar.

Next Meeting

Thursday, July 20, 2023

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Wooden Wonderland- Dixon Park District

Topic: Regional Needs Assessment