



MEETING NOTES

Region 49 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 – 1:30-3:00pm

Council Members present: Danen Busch, Janet Hill, Cindy Mahr, Lindsay Meeker, Marcy Mendenhall, Marcia Seabolt, Michael Terry

Council Members absent: Beverly Clark, Andrea Flannery, Melissa Gravert, Kate Jennings, Tammy Muerhoff, James Richardson Jr., Tiera Teague, Lisa Williams

Welcome & Review of Community Agreements

Action Council members review community agreements.

A Year in Review

Emily Cummings provided a review of Region 49's journey and accomplishments over the last year of collaboration.

YouTube Webinar Overview

Emily Cummings reviewed YouTube webinar of Region 49's Regional Needs Assessment report. Recommendations from Action Council members:

- Identify rural vs. urban areas within the county
- Offer number or percentage of refugees
- Clarify why the cost of care does not provide adequate pay for ECEC professionals
- Clarify the information in comparing infant care to college tuition
- Highlight that 150 individuals are studying ECEC at Black Hawk College and Western Illinois University
- Emphasize the barriers that non-English speakers face in accessing services

Action Council Participation Reflection

Action Council members reflected upon their experiences as a participant in the work of the Action Council.

- Most Impactful
 - Joint meetings with Family Council
 - Outlet for advocacy
 - Collaborative and predictable
 - Working toward change



- Least Impactful
 - Need more action
 - State often defined as Chicago
 - State systems slow to change

Brainstorm: Where We're Going

Action Council brainstormed ideas of adding members and methods to implement the work of Birth to Five Illinois.

- Business leaders
- Law enforcement
- Household members
- Social determinants of health – holistic approach
- Define health and wellness – privilege vs. poverty
- Streamlined services = stabilization
- Universal access
- Workgroups
- Combine councils quarterly
- Data as long-term impact

Next Meeting

Date/Time: August 2, 2023 – 1:30 to 3:00pm :

BridgePointe - 1 Montgomery Drive – Moline, IL 61265

Zoom link for virtual attendees:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82204747588?pwd=Y2d5MHZzcnNJYkRkaGNlcVAxV0QzQT09>