



MEETING NOTES

Region 1-B-C Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: July 27, 2023, 2:00-4:00 pm

Council Members present: Simone Gatlin, Brenda Lopez, Regina Harden, Tiara Magee, Kemi Robbin

Council Members absent: Marisa Covington, LaDonna Reynolds, Aisha Esquivel, Sharell

2:00 pm: Welcome (5 mins)

Notes:

- Jaime Garibay-Family & Community Engagement Specialist, welcomes family council members to our 10th meeting.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Icebreaker

2:05 pm: Icebreaker (15 mins)

What is a habit you picked up from your childhood that you still do?

Notes:

- Family Council Members discussed habits from their childhood.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Review of Community Agreements

2:20 pm: Review Community Agreements (5 mins)

Notes:

- Family Council Members agreed that nothing needs to be changed now.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Year 1 Reflection

2:25 pm: Year 1 Reflection (15 mins)

Notes:

- Family Council Members reflect on the first year being on a Birth to Five Council. Please see the responses below:
 - Loved the openness and honesty about this being a new council and not knowing what to expect during the first year.
 - Friendly and positive council members and team.



- Very clear on expectations.
- More training on how to use jam boards, google folders, and zoom.
- Loved the current time of the meetings in the evenings.
- Loved how we became a big family.

Decisions made: The Region 1-B-C Team will ensure they implement the feedback moving into Year 2.

Next Steps: Year 2 Planning

2:40 pm: Year 2 Planning (20 mins)

Notes:

- Jaime G. explains to Family Council Members what is expected in Year 2 and explains what our new message is:
 - Birth to Five Illinois works in every community in the state to find out what families need.
 - We serve pregnant persons, minoritized groups, and families living on poverty-level incomes.
 - Find out why families cannot access high-quality early childhood services and tell decision-makers what families say they need to thrive.
- The plan is to disseminate our Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment for about two months, and we will complete an addendum to add what is missing from our assessment.
- The Region 1-B-C team is asking for support from the Family Council to be “table hosts” for our World Cafes.
- Family Council Members were informed of the availability of training the Partner Plan Act offers.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps:

3:00 pm: Councils Recruitment (15 mins)

Notes:

- Jaime discusses with Family Council Members the Council Recruitment process:
 - Deadline 08/13/23 at 11:59 pm.
 - Flyers will be sent, and please share them with your network and on social media.



Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Dissemination

3:15 pm: Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Dissemination (15 mins)

Notes:

- Our release date is 07/31/23, which will be held at the Lansing Public Library, and there will be a virtual option.

Decisions made: Family Council Members will share Regional Needs Assessment information with family, friends, and coworkers.

Next Steps: Parent Cafes/World Cafes

3:30 pm: Parent Cafes/World Cafes (10 mins)

Notes:

- Jaime explains the difference between World Café vs Parent Café.
- Family Council Members know the support needed for table hosts; training is available if they want to host.

Decisions made: Family Council Members will contact the Region 1-B-C Team if they are interested in participating.

Next Steps: Voting for the next meeting.

3:40 pm: Next Meeting Voting (10 mins)

Notes:

- Family Council Members voted on the next meeting date.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Q&A/Parking Lot

3:50 pm: Q&A/Parking Lot (10 mins)

Notes:

Decisions made:

Next Steps:

Follow-up/Next Steps:

Next Meeting: August 17, 2023, 1:30-3:30 pm