



## Meeting Minutes

### Region 17 Action Council Meeting

**Date & Time: Wednesday, January 18, 1:15-3:15pm**

Council Members present in person: Melissa Breeden, Sam Farris, Debra Honegger, Kris Pennington

Council Members present online: Molly Allen, Lisa Hood, Kadi Juris, Maureen Sollars, Krissy Conklen

Council Members absent: Kim Burton-Wernecke, Ashley Dowd, Judy Englebrecht, Miranda Lin, Kathleen Lorenz, DaWayne Morris, Sarah Shields, Pam Womack, Dawn Wickenhauser

#### **1:15 – 1:25 Welcome, Review of Community Agreements, Questions (5-10 minutes)**

**Facilitators:** Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Community Agreements were reviewed.
- Icebreaker – What is your favorite adult book?

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **1:25 - 1:35 Family Council Update (5-10 minutes)**

**Facilitator:** Becky Thacker, Family and Community Engagement Specialist

Notes:

- An Update on last week's Family Council meeting was given.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Family Council Meeting next Monday, February 23. Search for more Family Council Members is ongoing.

#### **1:35 – 1:45 Social Media and Newsletter Update 5-10 minutes)**

**Facilitator:** Monica Reed, Regional Administrative Support

Notes:

- Please join our Facebook Group and sign up for our newsletter if you haven't already. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3361943407455424/>  
Newsletter: [www.birthtofiveil.com/region17/#subscribe](http://www.birthtofiveil.com/region17/#subscribe)

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Sign up and share Birth to Five IL information to your networks.



### **1:45 – 2:45 Priority Populations (60 minutes)**

**Facilitator(s):** Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Materials: PowerPoint, Google Doc

- Priority Populations were discussed.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Review list given by members for possible focus groups.

### **2:45 – 3:00 Focus Groups and Interviews Discussion (15 minutes)**

**Facilitator:** Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Focus Groups and Interview ideas were discussed and provided to Region 17 Team.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Region 17 Team will put Focus Groups together.

### **3:00 – 3:15 Debrief/Next Steps- (15 minutes)**

**Facilitator:** Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- What can we do to be more inclusive and equitable to our members who aren't able to come during the day?
- Discussed having an evening meeting in February.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Thank you to everyone for the transformative work being done in the region to impact the state with family and community voices centralized.

#### **Next Meeting**

Date: February 1, 2023

Time: 1:15 – 3:15

Focus: ECEC Programs

Data Sources:

- I-ecam - [ECAM \(illinois.edu\)](http://ECAM.illinois.edu) Choose Region 17 for report
- Illinois Action for Children - Asset Map
- Census - [U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: United States](https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/)
- [Erikson Institute Illinois Risk and Reach Report - Interactive Map](https://www.eriksoninstitute.org/illinois-risk-and-reach-report/)

Respectfully submitted,  
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