



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 11 Action Council Meeting

**Location:** Virtual

**Date & Time:** 1/19/23 Noon – 2 pm

**Council Members Present:** Melissa Coleman, Daphne Boley, Kiyla Devoss, Jenifer Bonawitt, Lisa Flynn, Jennifer Buchter, Dennis Pearson, Cori Moore, Amy Durdel, Robin Hopper, Laura Shull, Leslie Price, Tammy Helm, Kayli Bontrager, Linda Gamble  
**Council Members absent:** N/A

#### **Start Time: 12:00 Leslie Price, Data Strategist (2 min)**

Notes:

- Leslie Price visited and explained what she does for Birth to Five Illinois. She thanked everyone for being involved and bringing their knowledge to the table. She told members if they had any questions to please feel free to reach out to her.
- Tammy thanked Leslie for stopping by the meeting and asked anyone if they had any questions for her.

#### **Start Time: 12:02 Welcome (18 min)**

Notes:

- Tammy read the minutes from the December Action Council meeting and reviewed survey feedback.
- Kayli gave a Family Council update and answered questions from Action Council members.
- Tammy reviewed announcements. She explained that she and Kayli Bontrager recently met with the Arcola Community Economic Development (ACED) team and ACED just received a Planning Grant to move forward with their project. Kayli and Tammy also met with Katrina Farris from the LIFT program in Mattoon. She described the program and indicated that this could be a valuable resource for future Focus Groups/Interviews as well as a central meeting place.
- Tammy shared that the State Team recently met with legislators in Springfield, and that Region 11 has contacted our local legislators to see about setting up future meetings and to invite them to one of our Action Council meetings.
- Tammy also talked about the ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of our office in Tuscola coming soon, possibly March.



- Tammy went over community agreements and asked if anyone wanted to make any changes.

### **Start Time: 12:27 Meeting Objectives and Meeting Progress (43 min)**

Notes:

- Tammy started going over IECAM Data and explained that the plan is to spend 10 minutes on each county.
- The meeting objectives included the need to analyze the data for all 7 counties and answer the following questions:
  - How does infant-toddler care look in our region?
  - Are programs located where there is greatest need?
  - How is ethnic/racial diversity represented in our region?
- The Action Council proceeded to go over data from Clark and Coles Counties including demographics, what programs are available, race/ethnicity, and they had lengthy discussions about the answers to the questions.

### **Start Time: 1:10 Break (5 min)**

Notes:

- Everyone took a five-minute break.

### **Start Time: 1:15 Meeting Objectives continued (28 min)**

Notes:

- Continued analyzing data for Cumberland and Douglas counties answering the same questions.

### **Start Time: 1:38 Wrap Up (12 min)**

Notes:

- Did we achieve our objectives?
- We got through all but three counties. We will finish discussing those and answer our questions at our next meeting.
- Next meeting will be 2/2/23 at 12 pm.
- Tammy asked everyone to please fill out the survey. She explained that she uses the information to make improvements with the meetings and to better her performance as a presenter. All feedback is appreciated.



- Tammy asked if there were any questions.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Continue with reviewing the data for Edgar, Moultrie, and Shelby Counties at the next meeting.