



MEETING NOTES

Region 1BB Action Council Meeting #12

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Date & Time: Thursday 5/4/2023 from 3:30pm-5:30pm

Members Present: Shannon Ellison (Oak Park), Vivian Palicki (Cicero), Kanella Maniatis (Berwyn), Diane Schoenheider (Broadview), Precious Porras (Franklin Park), Kathy Slattery (LaGrange)

Members Absent: Sarah Weston (Brookfield/ LaGrange), Precious Porras (Franklin Park), Rosalina Banks (Bellwood), Glenda Thomas (Maywood), Holly McCarthy (River Forest), Ana Guevara (Cicero), Linda Rios (Cicero), Emily Norman (Oak Park)

3:35 Ice Breaker

- Share a work from home fail.
- Speaker stated to the group; Today we will take a minute to discuss our major fails and invite you to share yours.
 - Some participants shared stories out loud and others shared via chat of their work fails.

3:46pm Birth to Five Updates

- The minutes from last meeting has been updated to website.
- The Council will be transitioning to one meeting per month during the summer.
- Shopping the Regional Needs Assessment – More details to come
- Evaluations are going out to members on both councils.
 - Evaluations will be sent through email to participants.
 - Evaluations are due 5/31.
 - Request different format if needed.
- Reminder- Register for this Year's Partner Plan Act Conference
 - Theme- Equality From the Start: Overcoming Obstacles, Leveraging Opportunities.
 - The event will be for three days.
 - Event date May 16th-18th, 2023, time 10:00am-2pm CST
 - The event will be virtual and free.
 - Links to register -for the event was provided on slide.
- The speaker informed group of the Collective Impact in Motion



- New Name→ Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment or Needs Assessment

3:46pm -Slot Gap

- The Speaker shared the most recent edits and the changes that will be included in the Regional Needs Assessment.
- The speaker discussed what is the current work that is being done with the information on slot gap.

3:51pm Workforce

- The speaker shared the trainings, certifications, career development and higher educational opportunities that are available for ECEC workforce in region 1-B-B.
- No feedback provided.
- There was a request to add a visual to demonstrate the workforce demographics to the needs assessment.

3:59pm- ECEC workforce recommendations

- Participant shared the edits/changes/input they believe should be added to the Needs Assessment.

4:02pm-Parent, Family and Caregivers Section

- The speaker discussed the top three barriers:
 - Transportation/accessibility
 - Communication
 - Affordable Childcare
- The speaker showed a map to group on the available transportation options.
- The speaker asked for council for recommendations.
- The feedback from the members was added to the slides.

4:15pm- Parent, Family and Caregivers; Barrier: Communication

- The speaker reviewed the information on communication being a barrier.
- No feedback added to the slides.

4:20pm- Parent, Family, Caregivers; Barrier: Affordable Child Care

- Strengths were discussed with group.
- No Edits/changes/input were added.
- Recommendations were given to address the needs and added to the slide.

4:26pm- Strengths, Needs and Recommendations

- Council members participated in an interactive activity on Strengths, Needs, and what needs are missing.

4:40pm- Infographic

- Infographic was discussed with participants.



4:43pm- Next steps

- Complete the Council Member year one evaluation will be emailed.
- Lookout for an invite from the team to discuss year two of service.
- The final review of the recommendations are currently being done.
- Needs Assessment Dissemination Plan for Summer.

4:41pm- Next Meeting

- Next Meeting May 24th, 3-5pm
- Council Gathering-TBD
- Speaker asked the participants to provide suggestions for the celebratory meeting.

4:43pm-Meeting Adjourned