



MEETING NOTES

Region 47 Family Council Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date & Time: December 15, 2022, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Council Members present: Candace Antczak, Jessica Higgins, Brittany Howard, Shayla Johnston

Council Members absent: Angie Danielson

6:00 pm Welcome & Facilitator Introductions (10 minutes)

Notes: Introduced the Birth to Five Illinois region 47 team:

- Stephanie King, Family & Community Engagement Specialist
- Abby Hoskins, Regional Council Manager
- Isabel Cano, Administrative Support

6:10 pm Icebreaker Activity & Family Council Introductions (10 minutes)

Notes: Family Council members shared information about themselves in an icebreaker activity answering:

- Who are you?
- Who is in your family?
- Why is being a part of the Family Council important to you?

6:20 pm Overview of Birth to Five Illinois (10 minutes)

Notes:

- Introduction to Birth to Five Illinois started with a video
- Presentation and overview of Birth to Five Illinois's mission, vision, and values.
- Family Council members will:
 - Serve as an advisory committee to the Action Council
 - Share input from a parent/family perspective giving feedback on the needs of the counties
 - Advocate for family needs and others in the community and be the voice of the community.

6:30 pm Roles and Responsibilities of the Council (5 minutes)

Notes: Discussion on staying on track during meetings, getting involved in discussions, meeting our goals, and saving discussions for another time if needed.



6:35 pm Establish Community Agreements (10 minutes)

Notes: Using Jamboard, group members shared their thoughts on Community Agreements.

Next Steps: Prepare Community Agreements for the next meeting and present them at the next meeting

6:45 pm Meeting schedule, location, and accommodations (10 minutes)

Notes:

- Meetings will be held via Zoom on Thursday evenings every three weeks, but members are also welcome to attend in person at the Birth to Five Region 47 office in Byron, IL. The group discussed their preference of meeting in person or virtually. At this time all members prefer virtually but can be revisited at any time.
- It was discussed that Region 47 is still looking for more members; please talk with other caregivers you feel may be interested, especially in the Lee and Whiteside counties.
- Members can join the Region 47 Facebook group to see updates on the work done, community events, and other related work.

Next Meeting:

Date: January 12th, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm-7:30 pm