



Meeting Notes

Region 17 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, February 2nd, 1:15-3:15pm

Council Members present in person: Melissa Breeden, Sam Farris
Council Members present online: Molly Allen, Krissy Conklen, Ashley Dowd, Debra Honegger, Lisa Hood, Kadi Juris, Miranda Lin, Kathleen Lorenz, Maureen Sollars,
Council Members absent: Kim Burton-Wernecke, Judy Englebrecht, DaWayne Morris, Kris Pennington, Sarah Shields, Dawn Wickenhauser, Pam Womack

1:15-1:20 Welcome/Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Facilitator: Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Icebreaker
- RCM met with Senator Dave Koehler
- Community Agreements were reviewed.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

1:20-1:25 Family Council Update (5 minutes)

Facilitator: Becky Thacker, Family and Community Engagement Specialist

Notes:

- Family Council update was discussed
 - The last meeting with the Family Council in January centered around demographics and the slot gaps in our Region. It was very eye opening for parents.
 - Next meeting on Monday 2/6 will focus on experiences with birth to five programs.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Family Council meeting next Monday evening.

1:25-2:40 ECEC Programs (85 minutes)

Facilitator: Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Materials: Power Point

Notes:

- Provided description of landscape



- Discussion Child Care Assistance Program was tabled for our February 15th meeting
- Discussion of the ISBE Programs (Pre-K and Prevention Initiatives) was tabled for our February 15th meeting
- Head Start/Early Head Start - Discussion of Logan and DeWitt Counties (McLean and Livingston tabled for next meeting)
- Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education was discussed.
- Surprises from this information were expressed by members
- Jamboard discussion: Early Intervention/Special Education
 - Benefits for Children and Families
 - Barriers for Children and Families
- Fixes for Barriers were discussed

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Continued discussion about Early Childhood and Early Care programs at Feb 15th meeting.

2:40-2:55: Reflection (15 minutes)

Facilitator: Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Reflection on work to date

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

2:55-3:00: Next Steps- (5 minutes)

Facilitator: Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

- Early Childhood and Early Care programs will be continued on February 15th.
- EC Workforce

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps:

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Date: February 15, 2023

Time: 5:30-7:30pm