



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 48 Action Council Meeting

**Date & Time: February 3, 2023, 9:30am – 11:30am**

Council Members present: Shannon Dault, Bryna Ryan, Erin Stout, Jenna Wiesner, Kelly Gibler, Laura Costic, Andrianna Smyrniotis, Lisa Weaver, Kimberly Cary, Katie Cobb, Katy Bauml

#### **Welcome, Introductions, Review of Community Agreements**

Notes: Kari welcomed all Action Council Members and reviewed Community Agreements.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **PartnerPlanAct Live Discussion Sessions, Family Council Update, Priority Populations Recap**

Notes: Kari reminded the Council about the trainings available through PartnerPlanAct. She provided an update about the Family Council. Kari recapped the Priority Populations meeting and emphasized the limited data.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **ECEC Programs Visioning Discussion**

Notes: Kari began with a discussion question: Let's imagine it's 2033, 10 years from now. We've reimaged the Early Childhood Education and Care landscape in our region and have solved the system-level challenges that limit equitable access to ECEC for all children and families. The Members gave input on the following questions:

- What would it be like to be a parent or caregiver?
- What is it like to be a provider?
- What is it like to be a state, regional, local, or community org supporting ECEC?
- What is it like to be a young child participating in the ECEC?
- What is it like to be a kindergarten teacher, teaching children who have participated in programming and services in this system?

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



### **ECEC Programs Presentation and Discussion**

Notes: Kari started by saying no new data is being reviewed and encouraged Members to speak up about the programs they work for. She asked that no one takes the discussion personally, as this is meant to be an honest conversation and to address the roadblocks.

Members discussed the strengths/benefits and the opportunities for growth/barriers for the following ECEC Programs:

- Head Start and Early Head Start
- Preschool for All/Expansion
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Early Intervention
- Prevention Initiative

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **Wrap-Up, Next Meeting**

Notes: Next meeting, we will continue the discussion about programs. We will discuss private child care programs, including info about the Child Care Assistance Program and Excelerate.

As a regional office, we went to Bloomington on Wednesday with Regions 53 and 17. The RCMs met with Senator Koehler and discussed Birth to Five Illinois. We're looking to continue meeting with other Reps and Senators, and hopefully get them thinking about policy for ECEC.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Location: Hybrid – Region 48 regional office or Zoom

### **Adjourn**

Follow-up/Next Steps: None