



MEETING NOTES

Region 48 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: February 21, 2023, 9:30am – 11:30am

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

Welcome, Introductions, Review of Community Agreements

Notes: Each facilitator and Council Member introduced themselves. Community Agreements were presented, and no changes were requested.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

PartnerPlanAct Live Discussion Sessions, Family Council Update, ECEC

Programs Part 1 Recap

Notes: Kari reminded the Council that PartnerPlanAct has trainings available, is offering live discussions scheduled, and Members could register online. Kari updated the Action Council about the most recent Family Council meeting and shared there's a new Family Council member. Kari reviewed the ECEC Programs that were discussed in the previous Action Council meeting.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

ECEC Programs Part 2 Presentation and Discussion

Notes: This meeting's discussion focused on the remaining ECEC programs not covered in the previous meeting. This includes the final two Home Visiting programs, privately funded programs, the Child Care Assistance Program, and ExceleRate. Members discussed the strengths/benefits and the opportunities for growth/barriers of each program.

Kari presented a map of the funding landscape of ECEC programs. Members felt the funding system is convoluted and complicated. When programs utilize different funding sources to fund one program, each funder has their own guidelines. Sometimes the guidelines overlap and sometimes they don't. Information was captured about local or regional funding sources that are available to support ECEC services.



Feedback was collected about what data is unavailable or would be helpful to have in this discussion. Some suggestions included more current data, as well as implementing a system to track what programs/services each child is utilizing so there's not duplication in enrollment counts among ECEC programs.

Members were asked who should be considered for focus groups. Many suggestions were given.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Wrap-Up, Next Meeting

Notes: March 3rd meeting canceled and rescheduled for Tuesday, March 14th, and the topic will be about the workforce.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

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Follow-up/Next Steps:

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Location: Hybrid – Region 48 regional office or Zoom