



MEETING NOTES

Region 48 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: March 8, 2023, 6:00pm – 7:30 pm

Council Members present: Anita Frei, Gary Craig, Kristin McGraw, Laurel Huston, Maribeth Larson, Megan Crookham, Shelby Hall, Timothy Whitacre-Albertson, Kerishena Metz, C'Ante Morris,

Welcome, Introductions, Review of Community Agreements

Notes: Everyone introduced themselves. After, we reviewed the Community Agreements, and no changes were suggested.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Resources, Action Council Update, Priority Populations Recap

Notes: Sarah reminded the Council that there are trainings available through PartnerPlanAct and that they will be hosting live discussion sessions as well. Kari updated the Family Council on the most recent Action Council meeting and that the next meeting will cover ECEC Workforce. Sarah did a recap about the Family Council's previous meeting, which focused on Priority Populations.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

ECEC Programs Visioning

Notes: Sarah began the discussion by asking the Family Council to imagine ten years into the future and what the ECEC landscape would look like. She asked the following questions that Members discussed:

- What is it like to be a parent or caregiver who accesses and uses the system?
- What do you think it would be like to be a provider?
- What is it like to be a state, regional, local, or community organization supporting ECEC?
- What is it like being a young child participating in this perfected ECEC system?
- What is it like to be a Kindergarten teacher, teaching children who have participated in this system?

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



ECEC Programs Discussion

Notes: Sarah presented information about ECEC Programs. Kari informed the Council that there is a document available on the Council's Google Drive that outlines the programs that they can access and read through. The following questions were discussed:

- Where and when would be a good way for families to become aware of these programs?
- How can we reach those that may be isolated in the home and not in the community?
- What were or would be your deciding factors in choosing a provider/program?
- How do you feel about the transportation time or distance to your provider/program?
- If your child/ren qualifies for EI services – how do you feel about the time it took for services to start once your child qualified? What supports would help during that waiting period?
- If your children were born in another city, county, or state, what ECEC services did they have available there that you would like to see here?
- If you're new to the community (3 years or less), what challenges have you faced in finding ECEC services/programs?
- If you've been in the community for a long time (5+ years), were you able to find ECEC services/programs easily?
- Did you know who to ask or where to go for help in finding the care and services you needed?
- What changes did you see in ECEC programs and services from your oldest child to your youngest? (Both programs and services)
- What does this information tell us about our region?

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Wrap-Up, Meeting Schedule

Notes: Sarah wrapped up the meeting, reminding the Council of the next meeting.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Next Meeting:

March 22, 2023

6:00pm – 7:30pm



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Follow-up/Next Steps: N/A