



MEETING NOTES

Region 48 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: March 14, 2023, 9:30am – 11:30am

Council Members present: Shannon Dault, Jenna Wiesner, Lisa Weaver, Michael Murphy, Andriana Smyrniotis, Bryna Ryan, Erin Stout, Kimberly Cary, Laura Costic, Katie Cobb

Welcome, Introductions, Review of Community Agreements

Notes: The meeting started with introductions and a review of the Community Agreements.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

PartnerPlanAct Live Discussion Sessions, Family Council Update, ECEC Programs Part 2 Recap, Regional Scan Feedback

Notes: Kari reminded the Action Council that PartnerPlanAct is hosting discussion sessions as well as providing trainings. She updated the Council about the last Family Council meeting and that the next meeting will be on March 22. Kari did a recap of the last Action Council meeting.

Kari informed the Council about the Regional Scan, including what data is included in the different sections of the scan. She asked the Council if they had any feedback or suggestions for each section and no feedback was given.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

ECEC Workforce Data and Discussion

Notes: Kari began with leading discussion questions before discussing data.

- In what ways does our approach to preparing, supporting, and retaining a quality ECEC workforce serve children and families?
- How well has our approach been working?
- What challenges and problems still exist?



Kari presented workforce data that we have, focusing on licensed child care center staff and family child care homes. Data presented included demographics such as age and race, and education and credential levels.

Kari presented ECEC salaries for different positions and comparisons between Peoria County, Fulton County, La Salle County, Tazewell County, and Woodford County.

Kari showed a graphic for an ECEC Workforce Continuum that follows a path for recruitment, education, credentials and licenses, hiring, onboarding, mentoring/induction, professional development, working conditions, compensation and benefits, and retention. Members discussed each step of the Continuum, brainstorming what is going right and what can be improved along the Continuum.

Advocacy Day, Tuesday, April 18 – A Member provided information about Advocacy Day to the Council and asked if anyone is interested in going to register.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Wrap-Up, Next Meeting

Notes: We will be discussing parents and caregivers, their stories, and what they're saying. Be prepared to discuss: What three things would you create, change, or improve so that families and caregivers can identify and access high-quality ECEC services?

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

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Follow-up/Next Steps: N/A

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Location: Hybrid – Region 48 regional office or Zoom