



MEETING NOTES

Region 48 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: March 22, 2023, 6:00pm – 7:30 pm

Council Members present: Anita Frei, Gary Craig, Hunter Stahl, Kristin McGraw, Megan Crookham, Timothy Whitacre-Albertson, Kerishena Metz, Maribeth Larson, Folanda James, Catina White, Maricela Nieto, Indirea Slaughter

Welcome, Introductions, Review of Community Agreements

Notes: Sarah began the meeting and asked the Council members to introduce themselves and share what they wanted to be when they were children, and what they are now. After, the Community Agreements were reviewed and no changes were made.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Resources, Action Council Update, ECEC Programs Recap, Regional Scan Feedback

Notes: Sarah reminded the Council that there are still trainings and discussion meetings through PartnerPlanAct. Kari provided an update about the Action Council. Sarah then reviewed the last Family Council meeting topic and discussion. Kari continued with an update on the Regional Scan. She asked if there was any feedback regarding what would be included. No feedback was provided.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

ECEC Workforce Data and Discussion

Notes: Sarah presented data about the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) workforce. The Council reviewed the data and asked clarifying questions to help them understand what the data meant. There were mixed opinions on some of the key data, and comments were made about the low pay and poor benefits that the ECEC workforce is receiving. The Council voiced frustration that the cost of child care was so high and felt their tuition money wasn't going to pay ECEC staff well. Sarah highlighted the Action Council's thoughts about the ECEC Workforce Continuum for the Family Council. She asked the Family Council if they agreed with the points, and if they had anything to add.



Members were asked the following questions concerning their experiences with the ECEC workforce. Feedback was gathered.

- In your opinion, why might a staff member stay in ECEC?
- In your opinion, what is causing staff to leave?
- Do you feel your child is receiving quality care within their program?
- For the current or previous programs your children attended, what are the strengths within the staff?
- What are the weaknesses within the staff?
- Do you feel the staff are effectively qualified to support your child?

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Wrap-Up, Meeting Schedule

Notes: Sarah thanked the Family Council and informed them that this would be her last meeting. Everyone wished her well and said farewell.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

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Follow-up/Next Steps:

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Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Location: Hybrid – Region 48 office or Zoom