



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 48 Action Council Meeting

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

Council Members present: Bryna Ryan, Erin Stout, Shannon Dault, Jenna Wiesner, Lisa Weaver, Laura Costic, Kelly Gibler, Kimberly Cary, Michael Murphy

#### **Welcome, Introductions, Review of Community Agreements, Meeting Schedule Changes**

Notes: Kari welcomed the Action Council and reviewed the Community Agreements. She discussed changes in the meeting schedule for April and informed the Council that there will be meeting changes for the summer as well, and it would be discussed more in-depth later.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **PartnerPlanAct Live Discussion Sessions, Family Council Update, and Parents, Caregivers, and Families Recap**

Notes: Kari reminded the Council Members that PartnerPlanAct is hosting live discussion sessions. Next, Kari gave an update about the Family Council's previous meeting. Last, Kari reviewed the discussion from the last Action Council meeting.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **Regional Strengths and Needs Discussion**

Notes: Kari reviewed high level data from each of the previous meeting topics, and shared quotes captured from the Action Council, the Family Council, Focus Groups, and interviews that were relevant to each topic. She asked, "What key themes can we identify from our preliminary findings?" The Action Council discussed potential themes as strengths or barriers, root causes, and who or where was most affected. Further discussion of themes included where the responsibility to effect change would make the most sense. The Action Council discussed:

- There are a lot of children not in care.
- The lack of transportation is on the mind for both Councils when it comes to lack of care for some children.



- NEED: There is a lack of funding. More funding is needed to cover transportation.
- STRENGTH: Public transit is available in the City of Peoria.
- NEED: There needs to be school/district/program provided transportation for children.
- NEED: Transportation provided for children needs to have reasonable ride times.
- NEED: Transportation needs to be provided to/from before and after care programming.
- There's not a good representation of data. There's overlapping data and a lack of data.
  - NEED: The State should create a data management system for children birth to five years, that programs and providers could utilize and report data.
  - NEED: Up-to-date aggregated data available in real time.
- Funding
  - NEED: Grant funding needs to stick with five-year cycles; however, shorter cycles would be more beneficial when possible.
  - STRENGTH: We do receive funding to our Region for Home Visiting and Preschool For All/ Expansion classrooms.
- Zero-to-Two
  - STRENGTH: Home Visiting is available
  - STRENGTH: Coordinated Intake
    - NEED: Standardize procedures between agencies when contacting families. There is a lack of consistency when it comes to connecting and engaging with our families.
  - STRENGTH: Peoria County is one of three counties that offers Family Connects.
  - NEED: Healthcare professionals and child care providers need more awareness of programs and services for families/caregivers.
- Collaborations
  - NEED: Provide training for child care providers and teachers to properly screen children.
  - Future STRENGTH: The Parent Navigator position is in development currently but will be a person that can connect families with services.
  - NEED: Parent representation in collaborations
- Early Intervention



Next Steps: This information will be presented to the Family Council at their second meeting in April. Finalized Strengths and Needs list will be presented to both Councils in May and the Councils will use them to form recommendations.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

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

Next Meeting

Date: Friday, May 5, 2023

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Location: Hybrid – Region 48 regional office or Zoom

### **Adjourn**

Follow-up/Next Steps: N/A