



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 48 Action Council Meeting

**Date & Time: July 18, 2023, 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**Council Members present:** Shannon Dault, Jenna Wiesner, Lisa Weaver, Laura Costic, Kelly Gibler, Angela Green

#### **Welcome, Community Agreements**

Notes: Kari began the meeting by welcoming the Action Council members and reviewing the Community Agreements. No changes were made.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **Regional Needs Assessment Release Update, Messaging, Council Recruitment**

Notes: Kari informed the Council that IDHS is currently reviewing the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment and we are waiting to hear when it can be released. We will let the Councils know, send an e-blast, and announce it on Facebook.

Dissemination Messaging: Kari shared that the Council should spread the word about the release of the reports, and shared messaging that could be used when discussing Birth to Five Illinois and the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment.

Action Council Recruitment: Kari let the Council know that we are recruiting for Action Council and asked the Council if they know of anyone that would be a good fit, to reach out to let us know.

Family Council Recruitment: There are two seats available, and Kari shared the representation that we are missing currently.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **Year 1 Feedback, Year 2 Requests**

Notes: Kari posed the question: What do you like about being on the Action Council?

- I learned a lot personally as a mother of a young child. I was daunted at the 2-hour meetings twice a month, but I have left every meeting having learned a lot and feeling my time spent was worthwhile.



- It's a very supportive group and I'm learning a lot from the Council. I appreciate the knowledge I am gaining and hope to have more of a voice this next year.
- It feels like your voice is being heard outside of those that you work with regularly. I'm feeling like the work we're doing is affecting change. I liked there being people outside of the normal group I meet with (Forum, LIC, CI, AOK, etc) so I can hear their feedback and perspectives.
- It feels actionable. We know there are needs not being met, and I feel like we're being heard when we advocate for families.
- Getting to know everyone that has something to do with the ECEC field, gaining knowledge about what is available, being heard about what the needs are, and working together.
- You're welcoming to people who are not in ECEC. I've learned a lot.

What do you wish you knew in the beginning, that you now know going into year 2?

- Communication has been great since the beginning; you gave us a lot of knowledge going into it.

What do you hope to see in year 2? Specific speakers? Topics to discuss? What data?

- A way we could communicate with providers and families about what's available in the community. Not sure how to do that but putting together a list of educational opportunities.

Kari said the meeting schedule will change due to AOK now having a monthly meeting, but that will be discussed later. Kari offered to put out a survey for feedback.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **Wrap-Up, Meeting Schedule**

Notes: No final questions were posed, Kari let the Council know that the next meeting will be off-schedule.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **Adjourn**

Follow-up/Next Steps: N/A



Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Location: Hybrid – Region 48 regional office or Zoom