



## 7th Meeting Notes

### Region 4 Family Council Meeting

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Meeting ID: 86707682591

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Date & Time: Tuesday, April 11, 6pm-8pm

Attendees: Kelly McNeal, Livia Bane, Lisa Coen, Jennifer Simms, Megan Schultz, Teresa Fillers, Catherine (Cammie) Richards, Amber Merrimon, Becky Durrick

Absent: Trisha Brondyke, Jessica Olmo, Megan Kerr, Ursula Sobattka

I. **Welcome & Icebreaker** (10 min) **Facilitator(s):** Livia Bane, Regional Council Manager and Kelly McNeal, Family & Community Engagement Specialist

- Welcome and reminder of key role of Family Council members.
- Recap Community Agreement
- What are you looking forward to doing now that the weather is improving?
  - Being outside with children.
  - Gardening
  - Camping
  - House being less messy as kids are outside!
  - Biking and walking.

II. **Recap of last meeting** (10 min) **Facilitator(s):** Kelly McNeal, Family & Community Engagement Specialist

- Impacts of COVID on ECEC, especially as it related to ECEC and schools.

III. **Parent and Family Engagement Story Discussion** (40 min) **Facilitator(s):** Kelly McNeal, Family & Community Engagement Specialist



Spread the word about the Birth to Five Illinois efforts.

The Scan will be a community document and available to the public.

Ready – Set - Go

Where could the Scan report be distributed?

- Churches
- Doctors and pediatricians' offices.
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Local schools and churches
- Schools
- private speech therapy centers
- sensory therapy

How could the Scan report be disseminated?

- Posters with QR code
- Special mailing
- By current services centers: social workers, librarians, daycare centers, restaurants, Stateline Kids FB Group, online, Discovery Center Museum, etc.
- Social Media
- Google advertisements
- Governor's office

Grant providers could use the data to gain knowledge and understanding on what grants need to be offered.

Request that Family Council members advocate for Birth to Five Illinois within their own networks. Places such as churches, school meetings, sporting events. Family Council members are passionate about the work of Birth to Five Illinois and are our best advocates.

Agreed to be vocal advocates and are already doing so:

- Catherine Richard
- Jen Simms
- Teresa Fillers



Teresa Fillers believes that Birth to Five Illinois should utilize resource services that are already in place to distribute the scan, as these individuals work with families and children regularly and are in the best position to share information.

Have any Family Council members attended a Parent Café? Answer: No

Once the public and business leaders see report they will naturally want to add more data regarding their own needs.

**IV. Break (5 min)**

**V. Regional Scan Wrap-up (35 min) Facilitator(s): Kelly McNeal, Family & Community Engagement Specialist**

Save the Date: Community Open House - May 24th 5-8pm

Regional scan Overview

Request to Family Council members: Please let us know who else do we need to speak to. The information gathering process will continue, even after the scan draft is sent to State.

Encouraged members to share their story. [www.birthtofiveil.com/storytelling](http://www.birthtofiveil.com/storytelling)

Next Meeting:

Date: May 9, 2023 (No meetings in June or July)

Time: 6:00pm -8:00pm

Location: Zoom