



Collaborations and Parent/Family Engagement Notes

Region 1 Family Council Meeting

Location: Hybrid- In person and Zoom

Date & Time: April 23, 2023 3:00pm-4:30pm

Council Members Present: Jamie Yording, Jayme Davis, Amber Sichting, Brittany Klutz, Brittany Berry, Sara Ogden, Zhanela Church, and Diane Richmond
Council Members Absent: Sinah Gosnell, Sandra Bongambo, and Chandler Keltz

3:00pm: Welcome & Community Agreements (10 minutes)

Notes: Brittany welcomed everyone and introduced the meeting agenda. Community agreements were reviewed as a group and the meeting began with an icebreaker question.

Decision Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:10pm: Collaborations (15 minutes)

Notes: Council members were given the definition to Collaborations. They were asked to identify Collaborations that exist in the Region and share any potential groups that might be a place to start with conversation of new collaborations. The group identified:

- Quincy AOK- existing collaboration
- Safe Families- group suggested by Brittany K
- Bluffs Community in Action (CIA)- group suggested by Sara O.

Further discussion expanded into why collaborations exist and examples were given of initiatives taken on by various other existing collaborations. Examples included: targeting areas of growth and coordinated intake system initiatives.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:25pm: Parent/Family Engagement (30 minutes)

Notes Council members were asked to share experiences with parent/family engagement. They were asked to include the benefits, the barriers, the opportunities, and other ideas about how to improve.:

- Jamie Y. shared that a majority of events happen during a typical work day in the hours of 10am-4pm, but when they are offered outside of those times, she enjoys going and finds value in spending time with her boys.



- Zhanela C. shared that she has gone to a variety of events with her kids including a gymnastics center, a parade, drumline, and “Fit Night”. She reports offering meals at each event helps with attendance and the inclusion of parent offerings
- Brittany B. is thankful for the weekly offerings of events and the flexibility with the scheduling. Her school sends reminders and helps to schedule around work.
- Sara O. agreed that that engagement through all grades is so important but that families report time being the biggest barrier.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:55pm: Review of Regional Needs Assessment- Slot Gap (20 minutes)

Notes: Comments made about the RNA included concerns about transportation not getting enough space in this section. It was assured that it appears in two other sections. Clarification about PFA and other abbreviations was provided to the group and noted for us to be sure to explain the acronyms in each section.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

4:15pm: Questions, Reminders, and Next Meeting (5 minutes)

Notes: No questions were asked by members. More portions of the scan will be shared with council members at the next meeting. Members were asked to complete a family story and the link was provided via email. The discussion of next steps and moving forward in our work will happen at the next meeting.

- Next meeting will be May 7, 2023 3:00pm-4:30pm in Hybrid format.
- Google Drive is always available to members to access, and link was shared in email.

Decision Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A