



MEETING NOTES

Region II Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: June 29, 2023, 12 – 2 PM

Location: Zoom

Staff & Council Members Present: Kayli Bontrager, Tammy Helm, Amy Durdel, Robin Hopper, Dennis Pearson, Daphne Boley, Jeremy Larson, Jenifer Bonawitt, and Lisa Flynn

Staff & Council members Absent: Linda Gamble, Melissa Coleman, Kiyla DeVoss, Jennifer Butcher, Laura Shull, and Cori More

12:00 PM: Welcome, Community Agreements, & Announcements.

Notes: Staff expressed appreciation for current members. No edits were made to Community Agreements. Tammy shared with members that she and Kayli have been visiting ECEC providers during Community Connections Thursdays which has been going well thanks to Melissa Coleman's help. Tammy shared that she has been providing grant support to local providers and that the ISBE grant submission will close on June 30. Tammy shared that staff has been attending trainings including LEADS through National Head Start Association. Kayli shared that Family Council met on June 20 and reviewed the same information.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

12:10 PM: Regional Needs Assessment Updates

Notes: Members received a Staff Final Draft and were encouraged to look it over prior to dissemination but to hold back sharing it outside the council until it is officially released. Tammy relayed that the RNA release will be late due to State's request to look over it prior. Tammy shared that dissemination will hopefully begin late July to Early August. Kayli shared that portions of the RNA were taken out due to page length but there will be an opportunity to add an addendum following summer dissemination.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Staff will update FC members with dissemination release updates.



12:15 PM: Dissemination Plan

Notes: Kayli shared the objectives of Dissemination Plan including the acknowledgement that the organization was unable to capture all voices during the creation of the report; therefore, this summer will be used to gather additional input which will be added via a summer addendum. Action Council members will have the opportunity to participate in Dissemination in the capacity they are comfortable with including but not limited to attending presentations, participating in recording the webinar, sharing contacts, and sharing the RNA with others via social media. Amy Durdel shared an idea that Effingham School District is doing to help the current ECEC system by putting in a daycare through the school to help families utilize half day preschool programs and families find full-day affordable care.

Decisions Made: Action Council Members will answer questions via email or google form later with ideas for dissemination.

Next Steps: Kayli will create a google form with questions from the PowerPoint for Family and Action Councils. Robin and Amy will follow up regarding a presentation for EIASE during training days. Kayli will follow up with Horizon Health for a Back-to-School event in Paris, IL.

12:45 PM: Adjourn

Notes: Tammy shared that the next meeting is reliant on when the RNA is released. Tentatively it is scheduled for July 27 at 12 pm via Zoom, however Tammy will share updates and calendar invites when confirmed.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Send next meeting updates when available.

Next Meeting

Date: July 27, 2023 (TENTATIVE)

Time: 12 - 2 PM

Location: Zoom