



MEETING NOTES

Region 21 Action Council Meeting

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Date & Time: Monday, July 17th 1:00pm-2:30pm

Council Members present: Edrica McDowell (Community Services Manager at Centerstone), Lee Eklund (Malone's Early Learning Center Executive Director), Terance Henry (City of Marion IT Director), and Phillip Hosfeldt (Dean of System Programs/Johnson County Early Childhood Coordinator)

Council Members absent: Missy Brown (Child Care Resource and Referral Director), Pamela Thrash (Parent Education for Southern Region Early Childhood Programs), Jennifer Parks (Southern Seven Health Department/Head Start Early Childhood Administrator), Johna Schullian (McKinney-Vento Grant Director), Barbara Timmons (Owner and CEO at Miz BJ's Hair Haven), Patsy Jensen (Shawnee Health Services Executive Director), Barbara Green (Family Child Care Owner), Candy Lewis (Yellow Brick Road Owner), and Kathy Keel (Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Coordinator for Williamson County Education Services.

1:00-1:10 Welcome/Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Notes:

- Summer fun icebreaker

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

1:10-1:25: Family Council Update (15 minutes)

Notes:

- The Family Council has been engaged in assisting with Sneak Peaks and prepping for the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Dissemination (ECRNA).
- Family Council members are assisting in recruitment for both councils.
- Several Family Council members attended the World Café training that was offered via the Birth to Five Illinois State team. These members will be involved as table hosts in the ECRNA dissemination sessions.

Decisions Made: N/A



Next Steps: Family Council members who were trained will be involved as table hosts in the ECRNA dissemination sessions.

1:25-1:50: Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Update (25 minutes)

Notes:

- ECRNA Sneak Peeks have been underway throughout the summer.
- ECRNA is currently being reviewed by the Governor's Office and Illinois Department of Human Services. Dissemination sessions will begin soon.
- Public dissemination sessions and dates were given to members to share and attend. During these sessions, community feedback will be collected in an Addendum to be added to the ECRNA.
- Action Council members were asked to help advertise our public dissemination sessions.
- We will be using the World Café Model for community dissemination sessions.
- Action Council members were asked to use their professional connections to assist with dissemination.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps:

- Action Council members were asked to help advertise our public dissemination sessions.
- Action Council members were asked to use their professional connections to assist with dissemination.

1:50-2:10: Council Recruitment (20 minutes)

Notes:

- The Family Council is looking to add four new members. Specific roles/sectors include: teen parents, grandparents raising children, father figures, single parents, unhoused parents, and community members from underrepresented populations to serve on the council.
- The Action Council is looking to fill up to nine new members. Specific roles/sectors include: Non-early childhood people, faith-based, health care/medical, elected officials (city, county, state), social workers, community members from underrepresented populations (racial, gender diversity), higher education, and Public Safety.
- Action Council members were tasked to assist with recruitment for these roles.
- The second year of the council is tentatively set to start in September. Those with one-year terms will serve up until that time.



Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Action Council members assist with council recruitment through July 31st.

2:10-2:30: Next Steps/Questions (20 minutes)

Notes:

- Council recruitment through 7/31
- Dissemination sessions
- Collect feedback for Addendum
- Transition into the implementation phase
- 2nd year of council is set to start in September

Decisions Made:

Next Steps:

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Family Council members who were trained will be involved as table hosts in the ECRNA dissemination sessions.
- Action Council members were asked to help advertise our public dissemination sessions.
- Action Council members were asked to use their professional connections to assist with dissemination.
- Action Council members assist with council recruitment through July 31st.

Next Meeting:

Date: August 14, 2023

Time: 1:00-2:30pm

Location: Virtual