



MEETING NOTES

Region II Action Council Meeting

Location: Virtual

Date & Time: 4/6/23 Noon-1:15

Council Members present: Dennis Pearson, Melissa Coleman, Daphne Boley, Lisa Flynn, Tammy Helm, Kayli Bontrager, Linda Gamble

Council Members absent: Jenifer Bonawitt, Kiyla DeVoss, Amy Durdel, Jennifer Buchter, Robin Hopper, Laura Shull, Cori More

12:00 Welcome (26 min)

Notes:

- Tammy welcomed everyone to the meeting and started with announcements.
- Tammy shared that she had meetings with members of local collaborations and with those who have plans to form a collaboration in the near future. She also met with Tim Flaven, Director of Mi Raza in Arcola, and she received good information regarding the community center and Hispanic population in Arcola. Tammy shared that she will be meeting today with Cindy Rivas of SBLHC Women and Children's Department.
- Tammy shared that we had around 15 ECEC providers attend the Town Halls and received good information that will be included in the Regional Scan.
- Tammy shared that she has a meeting coming up with Congressman, Mike Bost.
- A Focus Group with the Hispanic Priority Population will be on 4-14-23.
- On the 15th we will be at the Cross County Mall in Mattoon for the Festival of the Young Child.
- Kayli shared an update from the Family Council including that the Preschool Roundups have been great so far and have 2 left this month. She also shared that we have a few interviews planned in the future.
- Tammy read the minutes from the last meeting and went over the meeting objectives for today.

12:26 Review Types of ECEC Programs (8 min)

Notes:

- Tammy went over the different ECEC programs including:
 - Licensed Child Care Centers



- Licensed Exempt Child Care Centers
- Family Child Care
- Family Care
- Early Head Start/Head Start
- Preschool for All
- Early Intervention
- Home Visiting

12:34 Review CCAP & Costs of ECEC Programs (7 min)

Notes:

- Tammy discussed what the programs costs were for full-time Center-Based Care for an average week for one child.
- Tammy explained what CCAP was and how to get it along with a chart of what the income requirements are according to Federal Poverty Levels.

12:41 ECEC Enrollment/Slot Gaps (7 min)

Notes:

- Kayli explained how they went over slot gaps and shared what it shows each county in our region has for enrollment and gaps. Almost all programs are currently at max capacity with waitlists.

12:48 ECEC Program Supports & Regional Strengths/Needs & Recommendations (17 min)

Notes:

- Tammy talked about the different supports that we have in Region 11 for our ECEC programs and asked if anyone knew of other supports in our region.
- The group discussed all the strengths we have in Region 11, including quality providers.
- Group discussion was held on the needs or recommendations for our region.

1:05 Next Meeting (10 min)

Notes:

- Tammy explained at the next meeting we will cover the ECEC workforce, and it will be on 4/21/23.