



MEETING NOTES

Region 21 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: Monday, January 9th, 1:00-3:00pm

Council Members present: Lee Eklund (Malone's Early Learning Center Executive Director), Kathy Keel (Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Coordinator for Williamson County Education Services), Missy Brown (Child Care Resource and Referral Director), Pamela Thrash (Parent Education for Southern Region Early Childhood Programs), Patsy Jensen (Shawnee Health Services Executive Director), Jennifer Parks (Southern Seven Health Department/Head Start Early Childhood Administrator), Phillip Hosfeldt (Dean of System Programs/Johnson County Early Childhood Coordinator), Barbara Timmons (Owner and CEO at Miz BJ's Hair Haven), Johna Schullian (McKinney-Vento Grant Director), Candy Lewis (Yellow Brick Road Owner), Terrance Henry (City of Marion IT Director), Jamie Ragan (Local Early Childhood or Education Collaboration Member) and Edrica McDowell (Community Services Manager at Centerstone).

Council Members absent: Barbara Green (Family Child Care Owner) and Tammy Samples (Safe Families for Children- Southern Illinois Chapter Coordinator)

1:00-1:05: Welcome/ Icebreaker (5 minutes)

Facilitator(s): Tonya Frehner, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Facilitator: Tonya Frehner – Regional Council Manager
- Two Truths and a Lie Icebreaker was completed with participants via zoom and in person.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

1:05-1:15: Family Council Update (10 minutes)

Notes:

- Facilitator: Chelsi Diles - Family and Community Engagement Specialist
- Chelsi Diles went over what would be covered in the subsequent meetings. Discussion ensued what information the Action Council would like from the Family Council.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



1:15-2:40: ECEC Programs (85 minutes)

Notes:

- Facilitator: Tonya Frehner – Regional Council Manager
- The Early Care in Education landscape was defined, and council members were asked to think about the conversation both internally and externally, with a 360-degree view from the lens of people working it, people using it and people affected by it.
- Review of Child Care discussion from last meeting. Recapped strengths and challenges and gave the opportunity for those not in attendance to add to those lists.
- Overview of Early Childhood Education and Care Programs
 - ✓ Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
 - ✓ ISBE Funded Programs
 - ✓ Head Start/Early Head Start

Decisions made:

Next Steps:

- Provide acronym list for Action Council members
- Continue conversations on Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education.

2:40-2:55: Reflection (15 minutes)

Notes:

- Facilitator: Tonya Frehner – Regional Council Manager

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Carried over to the next meeting due to time.

2:55-3:00: Next Steps (5 minutes)

Notes:

- Facilitator: Tonya Frehner, Regional council Manager
- Next Meeting:

Date: January 30, 2023

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Location: CCRR, 607 S. Greenbriar Rd., Carterville, IL 62918