



MEETING NOTES

Region 44 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: 4/20/2023, 11am-1pm

Council Members present: Elyse Sereyka, Donna Emmons, & Kim Lamz, Jamee Potash,

Council Members absent: Diana Hartmann, Susan Beckman, Jennifer Nowicki

11:00 Welcome and Review Last Meeting (15 minutes)

Notes: The Regional Council Manager reviewed last meeting's topics on the Jamboard. This included Initiatives, Trainings and the Early Childhood Education and Care workforce.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

11:15 Introductions & Ice Breaker (15 minutes)

Notes: The council members present participated in the ice breaker of Have You Ever Met a Famous Person?

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

11:30 Details: The Birth to Five Organization, Identifying strengths within Regional Data (demographics & slot gap). What questions did we want to answer but couldn't due to missing data? (30 minutes)

Notes: The Regional Council Manager went over the goals for Birth To Five Illinois. The Council looked at Jamboard Questions and added items where needed.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

12:00 Break

12:10 Recap Questions to Consider (30 minutes)

Notes: The Council had a great discussion on the Regional Strengths this county has regarding the Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce. We reviewed and added ideas to the following questions:



1. What strengths in our Region can you identify from your own personal or professional experiences?
2. What strengths do we have within our Region regarding Early Childhood Education and Care Programs?
3. What strengths do we have within the Early Childhood Education and Care in our Region?
4. What strengths do parents/caregivers have regarding accessing Early Childhood Education and Care services in our Region?

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

12:40 Check-In and Share-Out (5 minutes)

Notes: The following information was shared by council members.

1. The Regional Council Manager reminded the Council to save the date for Wednesday, May 31, 2023 from 5:00-7:00pm for our gathering of the Family Council and the Action Council and their family members. More information will be sent out next week via email invite.
2. The Regional Council Manager will be contacting each member of the Action Council individually to discuss their interest in staying on the Council for another fiscal year. Please be on the lookout for an email regarding this.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Next Meeting: 5/4/2023, 11am-1pm, Hybrid