



MEETING NOTES

Region 19 Action Council Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date & Time: June 14, 4:00pm to 6:00pm

4:00pm: Welcome & Updates (10 minutes)

Notes:

- Welcome to all Action Council members.
- We will only have one Council Meeting a month during the months of June-August.
- Interest forms have reopened for Action Council and Family Council members.
 - If you know of anyone who is interested, please encourage them to apply.
 - We are looking for someone in the medical field and the justice system for our Action Council.
 - Region 19 will not be partaking in the selection process for our region. A separate committee will be involved.
- Villa Park Collaboration is working on a partnership with the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Welcome CJ Gandam, AOK Coordinator.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

4:11pm: Region 19 Final RNA and PowerPoint Overview (17 minutes)

Notes:

- Once public, our Regional Needs Assessment (RNA) will be posted on our Birth to Five Illinois website.
 - <https://www.birthtofiveil.com/region19>
- Every Region will be recording a webinar which will be posted on YouTube. Link can be found on each region's individual website.
- The PowerPoint presentation will look similar across the state. This will help with consistency across the state.
- Brief overview of the PowerPoint presentation for the webinar.
- Each webinar will be a max of 30 minutes.
- Individual presentations will be tailored to the audience we are presenting to depending on the need of each collaboration.



Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

4:28pm: Region 19 RNA Dissemination Talking Points (54 minutes)

Notes:

- Action Council members discussed key talking points for each category of the webinar.
- Demographics
 - Conversations around disparities between affluent populations and lower socioeconomic population
 - Ongoing misconceptions
 - Multigenerational home/ the unspoken reality
 - Emphasize on the parents and focus group experiences
 - Cost of living
 - Immigration and fear
- Early Childhood Education and Care Programs
 - Availability of ECEC supports from one neighboring school district to another
 - Disparities between children attending the same school
 - Addressing racism and discrimination
 - Using it as a call to action
- Key strengths and key needs
 - Reminder that change takes time
 - Alignment of state and federal funding policies and qualifying criteria
- Recommendations
 - What speaks to you/the community?
 - Include in the beginning of presentation
- Community collaborations
 - May not be something that there is a big focus on due to community knowledge
- ECEC Workforce
 - Highlight staffing shortages across the state and wage disparities
 - A need for benefits/wages similar to those in a public school
 - Touch base on compensation for special needs, and bilingual staff
 - Support to accommodate differing abilities: Training and funding
- Additional Talking Points/ FAQs
 - How is Birth to Five work different from others?



- Why are we doing this?
- Overall, it affects everyone
- Disparities between families who are just above the qualifying criteria to receive services.
 - Addressing those who are opposed to “handouts”
- "There’s no need in the suburbs."
- Education for a 4 year old is no more a handout than kindergarten for a 5 year old.
- Additional FAQs will come from the State Team
- Any additional questions or talking points can be sent to Valerie

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps:

- Talking points will be sent to Action Council members.

5:22pm: Next Steps (5 minutes)

Notes:

- Once the RNA is public, Region 19 will be meeting with individuals and organizations.
 - If you feel like there is a group of individuals who will benefit from this information, please share or connect us with them.
- We are hoping to receive feedback on the RNA by July/August.
- A formal feedback “survey” will be available.
 - More information is coming soon.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Follow-up/Next Steps:

Next Meeting: Family and Community Feedback

Date: Wednesday, July 12th

Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm