



AGENDA

MEETING NOTES

Region 19 Action Council Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date & Time: July 18, 2023, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

4:00pm: Welcome & Updates (15 minutes)

Facilitator(s): Valerie Varju, Regional Council Manager: Region 19

Notes:

- We are currently recruiting Action and Family Council Members. Interest forms can be found online.
 - Action Council: <https://www.birthtofiveil.com/action>
 - Family Council: <https://www.birthtofiveil.com/family>
- IDHS approved the final Regional Needs Assessments and we are looking to officially launch them at the end of the month.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Please share information about the Councils with your networks, families, and friends.

4:15pm: All Our Kids Network Needs Assessment Overview and Discussion (30 minutes)

Facilitator(s): Christine Gandam, Community Initiatives Coordinator, DuPage County Health Department

Notes:

- AOK has launched an online parent survey that will be available to families with children ages birth to five years old who live in DuPage County.
- The survey is approximately 18 questions long (multiple choice) and is available in Spanish.
- Looking to have approximately 200 to 300 participants complete the survey.
- From the results, AOK will identify targeted problems in relation to overall health and wellness and develop a strategic plan that will cover the next five years.
- AOK has partnered with the Environmental Health Department to recruit participants.



- Although Birth to Five Illinois and AOK are both launching a Needs Assessments, the reports focus on different needs of the community. However, both organizations will continue to partner together, and the reports will compliment each other.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

4:45pm: Next Steps (15 minutes)

Facilitator(s): Valerie Varju, Regional Council Manager: Region 19

Notes:

- The Regional Needs Assessment will officially launch at the end of this month.
- The Birth to Five Illinois State team will make the first announcement and Region 19 will then share the links with our Council members and partners.
- A recorded webinar will be available and is approximately 30 minutes long.
- Talking points based on the previous meeting's discussion will be made available to Council members prior to the public launch.
- Help is needed with connecting to local city government and elected officials.
- If anyone would like the Birth to Five Illinois team to present to their organization or collaboration, please let Valerie know.
- We will be offering a new member orientation in August for the Action Council. If anyone is interested in assisting, please let Valerie know.
- During the August meeting we will discuss the plans for the fall and reassess meeting times and days.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:00pm: Council Feedback (30 minutes)

Facilitator(s): Valerie Varju, Regional Council Manager: Region 19

Notes:

- Overall positive feedback regarding the process and communication.
- Prefer more communication regarding individual membership updates and changes as they occur.

Decisions Made: Commit to providing regular updates to the Council regarding membership and partners.

Next Steps: N/A

Next Meeting:

Tentative Date: Wednesday, August 16th

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 pm

TBD—Onboarding New Council Members