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Region 32 Action Council Meeting

Location: Virtual on Zoom

Date & Time: July 20, 2023, 9:00-10:45 am

Members Present: Rebecca Kroiss, Carolyn Short, Jim Duggan, Rita Armstrong, Chrissy Nojd, Rhonda Showers, and Rosemary Pistorius

Members Absent: Amanda Chorak, Sheree Sykes, Marquita Cox, Erin Goldstein, Theodis Pace, Cindy Schimmelpfennig, Lovice Brinkman, Mary Self, Cindy Luzeniecki, Pamela Powell, Christine Johnston, Newcomb Mowrer, Rebecca Graham, Rhonda Pence, and Holly Knupp

9:00 Welcome, Permission to Record, Ice Breaker Activity

- Permission was granted to record.
- Liz asked the Council to review Year One Reflection questions on a Jamboard as an Ice Breaker
 - What do you like most about being on the Action Council?
 - Answers: Collaboration, community connection, having a voice in the Early Childhood field in our area, more understanding about early childhood needs and services, employees have helped collectively to stay abreast of meetings and information.
 - What is going well in our Council? What needs improvement?
 - Answers: Hybrid options, agendas are clear and lots of opportunities for input, meetings are organized and done in a timely manner, clear objectives, Google Drive is helpful to stay caught up, and the times of the meetings.
 - What do you hope to see in Year Two?
 - Answers: Continued collaborations, connection between both Action and Family Councils, and responses from ISBE related to the proposals made and indicated.

9:15 Update on our Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment

- Liz informed the Council of the tentative release date of July 31st.
- The Council will receive priority once our RNA is officially released.
 - Once our RNA is released:
 - We can start sharing the RNA with community stakeholders.

- Our Region receives 20 hard copies, and a PDF link will be made available.
- The Infographic will be made available as a PDF and link on our website.
- The webinar will also be made available on our website.
 - The script will be given to the Council to assist in answering questions about our RNA. If further information is needed, a reference sheet for the Birth to Five team will be created.

9:25 Action and Family Council Recruitment

- Our Region will have the opportunity for two more members in both our Action and Family Councils to be added.
 - Priority recruitment is needed in our Hispanic population.
 - Liz explained that interest forms are available on our website.

9:30 World Café Training

- Liz emphasized that our Region had six Action Council members and one Family Council member that participated in the World Café Training.
 - Kennilyn reviewed the World Café model as trying to attain input on specific information or issues, structures, and that it requires manpower and planning.
 - Some Birth to Five regions will be using this model as part of their dissemination plan. At this time, our Region will be utilizing Town Halls and Forums to gather feedback.
 - We will be using certain World Café questions to receive feedback on our Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment.
 - Our office will produce a QR code for a questionnaire form when we present our RNA to get feedback from the audience/stakeholders.
 - The Council reviewed the World Café questions and provided feedback.

9:55 Addendum Form/ Dissemination Planning

- Liz explained the Dissemination Plan as a transition from our Sneak Peeks to the official RNA release presentations.
- An Addendum will be made to the RNA with the feedback from our RNA Sneak Peeks and presentations.
- Liz provided updates to the Council on our past Sneak Peeks with local officials, organizations, and businesses.

- Next Steps include Town Halls and Forums to be held Virtually and In-Person.
 - Liz asked the Council members to attend these Town Halls and Forums if available.

10:30 Adjourn

**Next Meeting Dates: August 10th
9:00-11:00am
KCC & Virtual**