



## NOTES

### **Region 32 Action Council Meeting**

**Location: Virtual on Zoom**

**Date & Time: June 15, 2023, 9:00-10:45 am**

**Members Present:** Amanda Chorak, Rebecca Kroiss, Sheree Sykes, Carolyn Short, Jim Duggan, Erin Goldstein, Rita Armstrong, Theodis Pace, Chrissy Nojd, and Rhonda Showers

**Members Absent:** Marquita Cox, Cindy Schimmelpfennig, Lovice Brinkman, Mary Self, Rosemary Pistorius, Cindy Luzeniecki, Pamela Powell, Christine Johnston, Newcomb Mowrer, Rebecca Graham, Rhonda Pence, and Holly Knupp

#### **9:00 Welcome, Permission to Record**

- Permission was granted to record.
- Liz informed the Council that documents for today's meeting are in Google Drive for Action Council Members.
- Liz asked the Council to share their favorite part of our ECEC Regional Needs Assessment discussions and findings – slot gap, programs, and workforce were mentioned as eye-opening and interesting. It was also mentioned that the collaborations and conversations have been engaging.

#### **9:10 Review the Contact List and Upcoming Events for Summer Dissemination Plan**

- Liz explained our goals for the RNA Summer Dissemination Plan.
  - Explain the report, findings, and process used to create the report for our region.
  - Attain feedback on the RNA – what/who is missing from RNA that can be added to the future addendum.
- Sneak Peek Meetings
  - Our team has been emailing, meeting, and sharing highlights of our RNA with stakeholders who are interested in our work. We are also asking questions to see if they agree if there are other findings and who else we need to share this information with.
  - Liz asked the Council to think of organizations, businesses, and individuals whom we should be sharing the full RNA with and whom we are scheduled to meet with over the next several weeks.

- “The more we flood the community stakeholders with the results of our Needs Assessment the more we can collaborate, and problem solve together.”
    - Businesses mentioned CSL, Nucor, BASF, Johnsonville, Van Drunen Farms, Silva, Baker & Taylor, and Gibson Hospital.
  - A Council Member mentioned a study in Minnesota where top-dollar businesses gave scholarships to their employees so they could send children to quality child care centers.  
Website:  
<https://education.mn.gov/mdeprod/groups/educ/documents/basic/mdaw/mdu5/~edisp/059814.pdf>.
  - Another Council member shared how in Seattle Head Start locations are in housing complexes – Kennilyn stated “meeting where they are needed.”
- Next Steps: The webinar will be recorded and shared with stakeholders.
  - Liz briefly shared the webinar slides and talking points.
  - A Council member mentioned that Easter Seals/ Jump Start is a heavily used collaboration in our area and could be added to our addendum as a local collaboration.
- The Council members expressed interest in having a script/talking points as we share the RNA with others. Our team will work on this script before the next Action Council meeting.

**10:20 Full Day Kindergarten**

- Liz shared an article about the bill going to the Governor’s desk for required full day Kindergarten by 2027. Article:  
<https://chicago.chalkbeat.org/2023/5/23/23735131/illinois-schools-full-day-kindergarten-early-childhood-education>

**10:25 Family Council Update**

- Kennilyn shared the continued connections that are being built in the community with our Family Council.

**10:30 Adjourn**

<b>Summer Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>July 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>August 10<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>9:00-11:00am</b>	<b>9:00-11:00am</b>
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