



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 33 Action Council Meeting

**Date & Time: 2/7/23- 12:15pm**

Council Members present:

Lisa Medina-Foshay, Kim Stickel, Tom Teslik, Malia Owens, Rhonda Hillyer, Tara Case, Emily Henry, Jodi Scott, Pam Gaither, Josh Gibb, Anthony Law, Peter Schwartzman, Miranda Gullberg, Scott Rasso, John Mabon, Roy Van Meter

Council Members absent:

Mary Reed, Amy Gipe, Erin Brown

#### **12:15pm: Welcome**

Notes:

\*Welcome Tom Teslik, taking the place of Kim Stickel on the ACTION Council.

#### **The Village**

**Vision:** Long Term Change we want...To create an easily accessible, seamless, quality early childhood system that will support the success of families.

**Mission:**

**Action...** Diverse stakeholders coming together and collaboratively working to better the system for families.

#### **12:25pm: News & Updates (15 minutes)**

Notes:

\*Regional Scan has been sent out to you.

- The Scan is a work in Progress
- The Scan is currently in Bullet point Format but will become a narrative
- Please review your personal information
- Please review the scan information
- Alert the Regional Manager to Corrections/Clarifications/Improvements

\*Governor's Budget Address- 2/15/23 @ Noon: DHS begins @ 2:00pm

<https://multimedia.illinois.gov/FY24-HHS-Budget-Briefing.html>



\*Regional Council Manager is meetings with elected officials locally and in Springfield.

- Dan Swanson, Representative: Meeting- 1/17/23
- Norine Hammond, Representative: Meeting- 3/3/23
- Travis Weaver, Representative: 2/20/23-2/23/23
- Neil Anderson, Senator: 2/20/23-2/23/23
- Michael Halpin, Senator: 2/20/23-2/23/23
- Springfield- 2/20-2/23

\*The Next Meeting for ACTION Council:

When: February 16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday  
4:15-5:30pm

Where: Monmouth ROE  
105 North E Street, Monmouth IL.  
(Hybrid Available through TEAMS- See calendar invitation)

Agenda: \*Review the findings of:  
+ECEC Home-based Committee  
+ECEC Center-based Committee  
+Workforce Committee  
\*Discuss Family and Health Provider issues in our Region  
\*Begin Formulating/Creating **SOLUTIONS**

\*FACE Update- John Mabon

-Focus Groups- more participation is being sought

- +Single Mothers
- +Single Fathers
- +Foster Families
- +Families of Children w/Special needs
- +Faith based Community
- +Health Care Providers
- +Grandparents-Extended Family

-Please encourage people to contact the Birth to Five Illinois Team to share their voice.



**12:40pm: News & Updates (30 minutes)**

Notes:

\*The Village Updates- Rhonda Hillyer

- Rhonda and Malia are building a presentation on equity:
- Focusing attention on the process of Congolese home child care providers.
- Lesson/Difficulties/Solutions

\*Public education campaign to build Awareness of ECEC Programs:

- Early childhood directory has been sent out
- ROE is developing awareness packets
- CDA kits for Home License Seekers
- Brittney Segal is recruiting for the early childhood field.
- Henderson county is recruiting high school students this spring
- Mercer County Better together:
  - +going business to business
  - +how the impact childcare is affecting them?
  - +500 businesses site lack of childcare as an obstacle
- ROE hosts Summer Fest:
  - +invite early childhood programs to bring an activity to promote childhood programs.

\*Home Child Care Network- Malia Owens:

- Working with 15 non licenses providers
- 6 in Galesburg
  - +CPR is not available in French.
  - +GoGo is facilitating translation for CPR and first aid training
  - +3 providers have been licensed already.
- DCFS will not allow translation of licensing Manual into French
- Native Food components may not meet standards for DCFS
- DHS contacted to get CCAP translated into French
- The immigration network has offered one on one translation services.
- 15 more providers want to get licenses

\*Language obstacles- Jodi Scott:

- According to Red cross: there is not enough need currently
- Red cross could get French certified but would not be legal in USA
- People to discuss the problem with:



- +Grace Araya, (IAFC)- GoGo has been meeting with Grace
- +Dan Harris, (INCCRRA)- Roy has spoken with Dan
- +DHS- Malia has spoken with DHS
- +Governor's Office
- French dialects make translation more troublesome.
- French is a language that you can select on the INCCRRA website
- +But the trainings are still only in English or Spanish.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps:

**1:10pm: Next Steps (5 minutes)**

Notes:

- Future Meetings will be:
  - \*1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month @ 12:15pm – ONLINE
    - Invitation from Rhonda Hillyer
  - \*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month @ 4:15pm – Hybrid
    - Monmouth ROE 105 North E St. Monmouth IL 61462
    - Invitation from Roy Van Meter

**1:15pm: Meeting Adjourned**