



MEETING NOTES

Region 45 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: March 30th, 2023, 10am-12pm

Council Members present:

- Rebekah Hillerman
- Rachel Marshall
- Tara Knopp
- Suzanne Kollmann
- Melissa Duncan
- Ashley Schanks

Council Members absent:

- Aubrey O'Riley
- Lori Koen
- Gina Harberl
- Richelle Metz
- Anne Riley
- Brittany Rongey

10:00: Welcome (5 Minutes)

Candace Gardner– Regional Council Manager

Molly Krebel - Family and Community Engagement Specialist

Jessica Schloemann - Administrative Assistant

Notes:

Decisions made: Data slides, resources, and meeting cadences

Next Steps: N/A

10:05: Community Agreement & Discussion (15 Minutes)

Notes: Objectives:

Identify a future vision

Regional Goals

Bright Spots

Suggested Next Steps

Decisions made: Overview of data constructed questions and the data that will be covered in the meeting for Early Childhood Workforce.

Next Steps: N/A



10:20: Early Childhood Education Care Programs (1 hour 30 minutes)

Notes: Candace presented on Early Childhood Workforce Data for Monroe & Randolph County. We discussed and reviewed what we knew about the Workforce in the Region and the barriers and benefits associated with it.

Decisions made:

- What are we currently doing to recruit, train, educate, hire & compensate ECEC talent into the profession?
- What are we not doing, that we could be doing, to improve recruitment, training, educating, hiring, & compensating ECEC talent into the profession?
- How well are our policies, practices and efforts working and what challenges exist?
- What is it like to be a provider?
- What is it like to be a state, regional, local or community organization supporting ECEC?
- What are we currently doing that will help us achieve our vision – our reimagined ECEC system?
- What needs to happen to achieve our vision?

Next Steps: Regional Council Manager will draft up this portion of the regional scan based on the information provided by the council and bring it back for review.

11:50: Meeting Schedule & Location & Hybrid Discussion (10 Minutes)

Notes: Set the date of the next meeting for April 11, 2023, 2-4 pm

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Follow up with meeting notes and meeting request.