



MEETING NOTES

Region 30 Action Council Virtual Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, June 1, 2023, 5:30p–6:30p

Council Members present : Tangela Oliver, M Stalls, Kathy Swafford, and Sandy Snowden

Council Members Absent : Debbie Bruns, Brittany Matthews, Cheryl Graff, Dona Middleton, Tracie Griffith, Denise Henry, Sheridan Johnson, Lindsay Baskin, Patty Davis, Keeshia Carr, Lashauna Cornelius, Van Ikner, Sheryl Houston, Cindy Rice, NaTasha Hubbard, and Colleen McLaughlin

5:30pm Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Community Agreements (15mins)

Presenter: Zena Madison

Notes: Zena welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. She explained that our Regional Needs Assessment has been officially submitted to the graphic design team and it's tentatively scheduled to be released towards the end of June. We are very close to this release date, and we are very excited. The State Team plans to launch all Regions at the same time so please keep looking for updates.

5:45pm Team Building (15mins)

Presenter: Linda Poindexter

Notes: Linda asked everyone to share their summer plans.

6:00pm Dissemination of Needs Assessment (60 minutes)

Presenter: Zena Madison

Notes: Zena shared her screen to present a PowerPoint presentation to ask Council Members 4 questions.

#1 What do you see as your role in advancing this work?

- Ask questions, collect information, and communicate
- See how we can help in planning
- Zena mentioned that in this second year, we will be looking at mental health, housing, and family planning as some of needs of the children in our Region as well



#2 What do you see as the greatest or most immediate opportunity for change?

- Continue to improve the workforce for teachers
- Assist in making organizations aware of Birth to Five Illinois
- Share awareness of our work in the Region
- Establish Region navigators

#3 What do you need (resources and/or information) to move this work forward locally?

-More resources for our Region and be able to share our work within her institution (NAACP) during their monthly meeting on the 4th of Tuesday at Rock Hill Baptist at Carbondale at 5:30pm

-M Stalls mentioned attending an event this coming Saturday and requested a flyer be emailed to her.

Zena mentioned to the Council Members that we are going to put together a calendar of events that some of you could attend as well.

#4 Who are the crucial players in your community partnerships?

-Carbondale Black Chamber of Commerce

-Make a list gathered by all Council Members with information from all counties

Zena shared with the Council that we were able to present to the Union County Chamber of Commerce and they were surprised by their 70% slot gap in their county.

7:00pm Your Role/Closing (30mins)

Notes: Zena mentioned that we will be sharing our Region events calendar to try to partner and possibly have council members attend those events with us and to let us know of upcoming events to share the Regional Needs Assessment.

7:30pm Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: July 6, 2023, via Zoom

Time: 5:30pm—7:30pm