



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 3 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: 01/04/2023, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Council Members Present: Shannon Gelsinger, Adrienne Beavor, Meghan Rewers, Sadie Ruholl, Beth Wise, Jamie Nichols, Kevin Bushur, Megan Harley, Natalie Repking  
Council Members Absent: Paula White, Brandi Page, Ashley Harmon, Carla Holtz, Jessica Green

#### 1:00pm: Welcome & Ice Breaker

Notes: pitched a "Who's Who" feature in our Facebook Group for introducing members

Decisions Made: members will submit info they want to be shared like hobbies, interests, volunteerism, etc.

Next Steps: Set up a schedule for featured posts in the Facebook Group.

#### 1:15pm: Action Discussion – ECEC Programs

Notes:

- Reviewed data again (delved into most of the data last meeting)
- Slot Gap
  - 0-2 years old is the most needed in our Region
    - Data does not consider that some families chose to keep children out of care
    - Data does not account for family/friends who are watching children
  - 3-5 years old
    - Slot gap is small BUT
      - Staffing issues are one reason for the gap
      - Lack of entry spots for preschools
        - Preschools are full at the school district level
  - Childcare
    - Region 3 has quite a few providers but they are localized in two areas mainly
    - Data does not account for the cross-over for kids who attend both preschool and a licensed provider
    - Data does not account for family/friends who watch children



- Bond County is in crisis
  - Huge PFA/PFAE program for 3-5-year-olds but before and after school care for that age range is an issue
- Number of Providers accepting CCAP
  - Reviewed data for Region 3
  - CCAP dollars are not being used in the region
    - Lack of providers in our Region – what providers Region does have may not accept many CCAP kids
      - Why would parents go through the hassle of applying when they can't use CCAP in their area?
    - Delayed coverage is not doable for families (paying out-of-pocket at full prices until CCAP kicks in)
- Funding Chain
  - Region 3 needs Resource Centers for families to assist them in navigating/applying for ECEC resources
  - Not all CCR&R offices are equal across the state – some are more helpful to families than others
- Better ways to collect this data
  - IECAM – census and CIS data
  - Points of contact for other services that could be pulled into survey data (i.e. medical card)
  - Charity Tracker – community can access a database of resources to help with the continuity of care for birth to five-aged children.

Decisions Made: council members will share any other info, data, or articles they come across that may assist us with the Regional Scan

Next Steps: Council members should reach out with any questions or additional information they want to share

## **2:00pm: Focus Groups Discussion**

Notes:

- reviewed the types of Focus Groups we want to hold in the coming months
  - asked council members for their recommendations
  - asked council members to share our info flyer.
- Council provided resources for people who might be interested in joining these Focus Groups (Restore Network & Family Life Center)

Decisions Made: Hold Focus Groups for foster families and those who have experienced homelessness in January



Next Steps: Send info flyer to council members in follow-up email with minutes

**2:15pm: Pencil Me In**

Notes: reviewed who needs to still turn in a photo release form; discussed moving next meeting to the Tuesday prior due to Ready Nation's webinar event; shared link to register for the webinar

Decisions Made: next meeting moved to Jan 17<sup>th</sup>.

Next Steps: include the new meeting date in the follow-up email to council members; council members should email their featured post information to Katie Gullo

**2:30pm: Adjourn**

Notes: N/A

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

**Next Meeting**

Date: January 17, 2023

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Zoom