



MEETING NOTES

Region 1-B-C Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: January 26, 2023, 4:30-6:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Council Members present: Leatha Asbury, Michelle Zurita-Sharpe, Felicia McBride, Adelicia Brienzo, Janis Jones, Janice Martin, Rochelle Golliday

Council Members absent: Sharhianna Fulce, Marlene Christ, Kimiya Lewis, Kelly Burke, Joyce Scott, Gretchen Bailey, Daniela Rivera, Billy Hubbert

4:30 PM: Welcome/Icebreaker (10 mins)

Notes

Thursday is named after THOR. THOR-Day! Name a superhero (real or fictional) that you identify with and why?

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

4:40 PM: Review of Community Agreements and Best Practices Review/Follow-up (10 mins)

Notes:

- Family Council Update
- Demographics
- Slot Gap Analysis
- Interviews/Focus Groups

Decisions made: Action Council Members discussed topics from previous meetings.

Next Steps: N/A

4:50 PM: Early Learning Community Collaboration-Breakout Session (10 mins)

Notes:

- What is an Early Learning Community Collaboration? Family reading nights, School supplies, partnering with preschool with all, working closely with district 153, and building a better community with families.
- Why is it important?
 - One-stop shop (social workers, food pantries)
 - A navigator to help families.



- Streamlining for families and staff.
- We are all a part of community collaborations, this Council, they are the pillar of the community, and people are aware of them being there.
- If we could all have one flyer where you can see all programs and resources.
- Families need to know Birth to Five Forum-everyone was doing the same thing.
- There is a lack of trust, lots of data has been given and it was used against.
- There are collaborations but just not in our Region.
- People aren't starting collaborations in the southeast suburbs.
- What Community Collaborations have you been a part of?
 - SECA (Southeast works closely with providers and centers, Legislative Breakfast, PSO-Preschool Owners Asc-IL Childcare Asc, IL AYC, and IL DOC.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Try to find more local collaborations.

5:00 PM: Break (5 mins)

Notes: N/A

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:05 PM: Overview of Cook County South Community Collaborations (25 mins)

What is the region's community collaboration landscape?

Notes:

- What are the existing collaborations or community groups?
 - There is still racism going on, a lot of times multiple communities need support but there is an issue of trust.
 - Enrollment, parents are confused and not offered the same services.
 - School Districts are getting more funding because they can serve children with EL and disabilities.
 - When there isn't a representation of staff that affects the community that is when you have problems.
 - Fair for all.
 - Need businesses in the community to be involved.



- Are there areas of the region that have a high need for community collaborations and why?
 - Blue Island
 - Posen
 - Robbins
 - Dixmoor
 - Calumet Park
 - Markham
 - Country Club Hills
 - Hazel Crest
 - Midlothian
 - Riverdale
 - Southeast Suburbs
 - Matteson
 - Park Forest
 - Richton Park
- Have there been Early Learning Collaborations in the past? /If so, why are they no longer servicing the region?
 - Providers don't have the money or the marketing capability to compete with larger organizations.
 - Before coming to the communities give providers a heads-up.

Decisions made: Revisit the Overview of Cook County South Community Collaboration questions in a follow-up email.

Next Steps: Send questions in a follow-up email.

5:30 PM: Questions to consider (30 mins)

Notes:

- What is the region's community collaboration landscape?
- What support might a local collaboration need to begin?
- How does it connect with the broader regional community systems work?
 - Collaborative
 - Equitable
 - Not competitive funding
 - Equal accountability for all programs to ensure high-quality services and programs.
 - Representation



- Racial and linguistic diversity.
- Representatives from all programs with equal voices.
- Spaces at the table.
- What needs to happen before a local collaboration can begin?
 - Connection
 - Relationships-breaking down barriers and silos.
 - Trust
- What questions are unasked/unanswered about local collaborations in your region?
- What questions should be asked of local collaboration leaders in your region?

Decisions made: Revisit Questions to consider in the follow-up email and in the next meeting.

Next Steps: Send questions in a follow-up email.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

6:00 PM: One on One Conversation and Follow-ups (15 mins)

Notes:

- Schedule phone calls/meetings with Action Council Members

Decisions made: Emails were sent to Action Council Members to schedule a time to meet with RCM.

Next Steps: Send calendar invites for scheduled meeting times.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

6:15 PM: Closing (15 mins)

Notes:

- Address Parking Lot Questions?

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Send a follow-up email with details from Action Council Meeting.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

Next Meeting: February 9th, 2023-Zoom Virtual Meeting

