



MEETING NOTES

Region 13 Action Council Meeting

Location: 644 North Second Street, Suite 6, Breese IL 62230

Date & Time: January 12th, 2023, 12:30-2:30 pm

Council Members present: Tranae Brockhouse, Jennifer Clark, Emma Conway, Crystal Donoho, Ashley Griffin, Christy Jean, Jessica Palazzolo, BreeAnna Pelcynski, Jill Wardlow

Council Members absent: Kara Boozer, Shirley Gordon, Makyla Hargrave, Mary Hart, April Higgins, Maria Koehler, Deborah Lewis

12:30 Welcome, Introductions & Review of Community Agreements (6 mins)

Notes:

- Birth to Five Staff: Heather Pruettt – Regional Council Manager, Brittany Lemons – Family & Community Engagement Specialist, Jessica Chin – Administrative Support
- Members: Tranae Brockhouse – Director of Project Child and Child Care Resource and Referral Office at Rend Lake College, Jennifer Clark – Owner of Clark Academy School, Emma Conway – PreK Teacher at Germantown Elementary, Crystal Donoho – Director of Children’s Learning Center at Kaskaskia College, Ashley Griffin – Director of Ivy League Day School, Christy Jean – Director of Rend Lake College Children’s Center, Jessica Palazzolo – Manager at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center, BreeAnna Pelcynski – Special Education Teacher in Nashville, Jill Wardlow – Program Director for the Regional Office of Education Preschool for All
- Community Agreements for an effective meeting space were reviewed.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

12:36 Ice Breaker Activity (7 mins)

Notes:

- Action Council members shared their New Year’s Resolution.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

12:43 Family Council Updates (12 mins)

Notes:

- Brittany reviewed updates from the Family Council.
- Shared the feedback from the Family Council on the proposed question from the last meeting.
- Councils will be working side by side (Heather)

Decisions made:

- The Action Council can continue to pose questions or request information from the Family Council to continue working side by side.

Next Steps: N/A

12:55 Review/Discuss Regional Scan (10 mins)

Notes:

- Reviewed the Regional Scan and what has been captured during our meetings.

Decisions made:

- The Council agreed to add that some parents and caregivers are choosing unlicensed home care for various reasons.

Next Steps: N/A

1:05 Local Community Collaborations Discussions (44 mins)

Notes:

- Discussed the definition of Local Community Collaborations and presented an Early Childhood Community Collaborations map of Illinois.
- Shared the roles and criteria of Early Childhood Collaborations.
- Reviewed the Partner Plan Act Collaboration Directory.
- Members went into breakout rooms to discuss questions about Community Collaborations and came back together to report on their findings.

Decisions made:

- Community partners are working together in Region 13 informally, but there are currently no recognized Community Collaborations.
- There are general collaborative groups in Region 13, but they are not necessarily Early Childhood specific.
- Washington County does not have a lot of resources, making it siloed.
- The Council agreed that it would be great to have one resource or organization that can direct people to other resources in their community or within the region. Examples:
 - Schools
 - Private Centers
 - Child Care Centers
 - Early Intervention
 - Birth to Three Programs
 - Speech Assessments

- Parents Supports
 - Translation Services
- Members discussed what supports might be needed to create a recognized Community Collaboration.
 - Outreach
 - Finding where the family need is
 - Adding value for members
 - Keeping resource manuals and organizations current

Next Steps: N/A

1:49 Meeting 5 Preview, Review Training Opportunities, Closing Comments (14 mins)

Notes:

- On-demand foundational trainings were shared.
- Discussed focus groups and interviews and requested members to send the consent form to anyone they believe would like to share their experiences.
- Heather invited members to participate in National Day of Racial Healing.
- Shared Region 13's Facebook Group page and monthly newsletter and invited members to join.

Decisions made:

- Data and questions for Priority Populations will be shared with members before our next meeting.
- Members agreed to move a meeting from February 23rd to February 16th.

Next Steps:

- Our next meeting will be February 2nd at 12:30pm.