



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 41 Action Council Meeting

**Date & Time: 04/20/2023, 12:30pm-2:30pm**

Action Council Members present: Terri Mussatto, Barbara Corby, Aimee Villet, Wendy Phillips, Veneta Wadlow, Christine Coleman, Timothy Rhymer  
Action Council absent: Michelle Wright, Heidi Elliott, Kristy Smiley, Lauren Jacobs, Esther Beard, Amy Knackstedt, Kyra Lakin, Sister M. Kateri

#### **12:30pm Welcome (10min)**

Notes:

- Council members shared a welcome. The Agenda was reviewed.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **12:40pm Community Agreements, Meeting Roles (5min)**

Notes:

- Community Agreements reviewed; no amendments made. Shared meeting roles established.

Decisions Made: Members would share duties.

Next Steps: N/A

#### **12:45pm Regional Scan Updates (15min)**

Notes:

- Name change from Regional Scan to Regional Needs Assessment.
- No longer actively recruiting community stakeholders for Focus Group, Interviews, or Surveys.
- Demographics and Slot Gap have been locked.
- Focus will be reviewing Early Childhood Education and Care along with Workforce today.
- Family and Caregiver Engagement will be sent out for review shortly.
- Reviewed deadline dates with Council.



- Each Region will have its own assessment to share with the community in June and July of this year. Members were asked to inform us if they are not able to serve beginning in September 2023.

Decisions Made: Council agreed to meet once a month in June and July.

Next Steps: N/A

### **1:00pm Review Scan (25min)**

Notes:

- Council members split into small groups to review the Early Childhood Education and Care section of the Assessment.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **1:25pm Break (10min)**

### **1:35pm Review Scan (25min)**

Notes:

- Council members split into small groups to review the Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce section of the Assessment.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **2:00pm Share Out (10min)**

Notes:

- Council members asked to provide any additional comments that were not captured in the notes taken during small group breakouts.
  - Mental Health Trauma Online training is basic and not enough to meet the need in classrooms. COVID-19 caused a rise in social emotional and behavioral needs in schools.
  - Staff are also in need of social and emotional support.
  - Some Programs use the Pyramid Model. Another model used locally is the Emotional Responsive Framework.
  - DCFS provides approximately 15 hours of social and emotional training.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



## **2:10pm Previous and Upcoming Events (5min)**

Notes:

- Family Fun Day was held on April 1, 2023, hosted by Madison County Alliance for Children & Families. Regions 41 & 50 were vendors at this event and provided interactive activities for families. This was a great community event.
- Community Playgroups are being held in April and May. Various members of the Madison County Alliance for Children & Families host these playgroups.
- Three Action Council Members attended the Early Childhood Advocacy Day in Springfield. A Council member spoke with Representative Stewart and Harris about the Early Childhood needs in Madison County. It was suggested that members attend next year. Another suggestion was to reach out to your legislators and make sure that they know the needs.
- We will celebrate our Action Council and Family Council in June. Be on the lookout for a Doodle Poll.
- Regional Council Manager presented at a Madison County Board Meeting to share the Mission and Vision of Birth to Five Illinois and to solicit interest in next year's work and Council seats.
- Collinsville School District leads the Collinsville Inclusion Team. There will be new funding available to three sites interested in scaling up inclusion efforts. Event information shared with Council members and on social media.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

## **2:15pm Action Council member updates (10min)**

Notes:

- Barbara Corby's new childcare center opened. They have expanded slots available and will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony soon. The Council received a virtual tour of the new facility following the meeting.
- Veneta Wadlow testified last month in front of the General Assembly. She stated that a lot of parents were there and were concerned about childcare, needing resources for their families, and sharing how transportation impacts access. The recording should be available soon on the [ilga.gov](http://ilga.gov) site.
- Christine Coleman shared information about new funding available to three sites interested in scaling up inclusion efforts using an itinerant model. Event information shared with Council members and on social media.



Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

**2:25pm Future Meeting Dates (5min)**

Notes:

- The Council discussed future meeting dates.

Decisions Made: Future Meetings from 12:30pm to 2:30pm on May 11, May 25, June 22, and July 13.

Next Steps: Continue to work on Regional Needs Assessment.

**2:30pm Adjourn**