



## MEETING NOTES

### Region II Action Council Meeting

**Location: Microsoft Teams**

**Date & Time: 11-22-22 Noon-1:30**

Council Members present: Cori More, Dennis Pearson, Amy Durdel, Robin Hopper, Kiyla DeVoss, Lisa Flynn, Jennifer Buchter, Melissa Coleman, Daphne Boley, Laura Shull, Jenifer Bonawitt

Council Members absent:

#### **Start Time: Noon Welcome & Review of Community Agreements, Review of Previous Meeting & Ice Breaker Activity (30 min)**

Notes:

- Facilitator(s) – Tammy Helm and Kayli Worthey
- Tammy welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for flexibility to reschedule due to staff sickness.
- Reminded everyone to submit their Photo & Video Release Form.
- Reviewed meeting minutes from last meeting.
- Reviewed the Action Council Community Agreements and stated that the Action Council interest form is closed.
- Tammy and council members did an Ice Breaker Activity with each member answering a different “Thankful” themed question.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **Start Time: 12:30 Team Building Activity – Early Childhood Desert (30 min)**

Notes:

- For the team building exercise, members were asked to imagine that they were in an Early Childhood Desert. They are equipped with 10 things to make the set up/start up successful. As a team, rank the items from most important to least important. Items included Curriculum/Assessment, Building/Utilities, Business Plan, Furniture/Furnishings/Materials, Staff, Finance/Funding, Policies, Children, Parents/Caregivers, and Community Partnerships. Members were divided into 3 breakout rooms for 20 minutes to discuss and determine the order of importance. At 12:40 groups were called back in to share out their orders and findings. Each group had a different order and different reasoning



behind their rankings. Each group recognized that each item is essential, but their first focus was on the children's needs. Each group also recognized that community partnerships were in the top 5.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

**Start Time: 1:00 Developing Knowledge of Resources (25 min)**

Notes:

- Facilitator – Tammy Helm
- Tammy discussed and showed members IECAM Dashboard, DCFS Sunshine, and IAFC Websites. Tammy showed them how to navigate through each one including what kind of information is available on each site.
- Tammy informed members about five foundational training courses offered by Illinois Action for Children that they should complete. These are offered as virtual/recorded training and can be completed at their own convenience.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

**Start Time: 1:25 Follow up (5 min)**

Notes:

- Tammy asked if there were any questions and thanked everyone for their time.
- Next meeting will be on December 15, 2022 on Zoom.
- If anyone has any questions after the meeting please email either Tammy or Kayli.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Follow-up/Next Steps: