



MEETING NOTES

Region 12 Action Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 3:30pm-5:00pm

Staff present: Ann Oswalt, Donna Rardin, Sophie Kershaw-Patilla

Council Members present: Tina Staley, Resa Shaner, Arianna Walker, Alexis Schaich, Jamia Joyce, Beth Lindemann, Mary Roy, Liesl Wingert, Samantha Weidner, Lauren McClain

Council Members absent: Courtney Hatcher, Hope Dennis, Jessica Drummond, Rosalene Quick

3:30 Welcome, Introductions, & Icebreaker (16 minutes)

Notes:

- All participants provided introductions: name, pronouns, county, and a favorite childhood memory.
- Ann briefly introduced members not present.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:46 Introduction to Birth to Five Illinois, Council Purpose, & Member Expectations (36 minutes)

Notes:

- Ann provided an overview of Birth to Five and went through the packets provided to all Council members: welcome letter; today's agenda; the Birth to Five Illinois mission, vision, and values/goals statements; an article, *Diversity: The Evolving Language of Diversity* by Kathy Castania; regional map for Birth to Five Illinois; state funding chart; Early Childhood Education and Care Programs and Services Overview; and an acronym page.
- Donna explained that the Family Council planning is still underway and potential member recruitment is ongoing. Donna asked the Action Council members to help identify participants and share the online Interest Form.
- Ann provided an overview of the Regional Scan and mentioned that it will be further discussed during the next meeting.
- Ann discussed Action Council member expectations:
 - Attend meetings in person or remotely; one or two per month
 - Volunteer for tasks and follow through



- Commit to a one-year or two-year term
- Keep discussions and information confidential

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

4:22 Community Agreements (3 minutes)

Notes:

- Ann discussed the need for Community Agreements and asked for feedback about desired guidelines. Responses included being respectful, keeping an open mind, always finding the positive, and being inclusive.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Continue thinking about what the Community Agreement should look like and include.

4:25 Meeting Schedule & Location; Hybrid Discussion (25 minutes)

Notes: Ann asked for feedback for the type of meeting (in person, virtual, hybrid), location, and timing.

Decisions made: Meetings will remain on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:30pm. The next meetings will be held on October 18, November 15, and December 20. All meetings will be hybrid, and the physical location will move each quarter to a different county within our region.

Next Steps: Sophie will send meeting notes and a calendar invite for Zoom meetings based on the new agreed upon schedule.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- From today's icebreaker, reflect on the fact that many of our childhood memories involved a caretaker. Ann wants us to think about these early childhood experiences in care and education and how we as the Action Council can impact future experiences and memories.
- Ann passed out photo release forms for members to complete (the form will be emailed to the virtual participants).
- Ann reminded members to visit our website and sign up for the newsletter (www.birthtofiveil.com/region12).