



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 12 Action Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 3:30pm-5:00pm

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

Council Members present: Jennifer Bales, Hope Dennis, Nicole Gardewine, Courtney Hatcher, Jamia Joyce, Beth Lindemann, Lauren McClain, Alexis Schaich, Resa Shaner, Tina Staley, Arieanna Walker

Council Members absent: Jessica Drummond, Roselene Quick, Mary Roy, Amy Walters, Samantha Weidner, Liesl Wingert

#### 3:30 Welcome (22 minutes)

Notes:

- All participants provided introductions: name, job title and a favorite fall activity.
- Ann reviewed the Community Agreement and asked for feedback regarding Council member participation and engagement.
- Donna provided an update on the Family Council. The first Region 12 Family Council meeting will be held on October 24. There are currently seven members, but more representation is needed, specifically from diverse community members and residents of counties other than Crawford.
- Ann discussed the requirement for the Action Council to meet twice a month.

Decisions Made:

- Council agreed that members who miss a meeting may update themselves using the notes and through discussion with other members and staff.
- Council agreed that, for each month, the first meeting will be remote/virtual for general overview and discussion in preparation for the second meeting, which will be hybrid and include in-depth discussion and decision-making.

Next Steps: Council members are asked to share the Family Council information and [Interest Form link](#) with prospective members from their communities.

#### 3:52 Training Opportunities (3 minutes)

Notes:

- Ann encouraged Council members to attend virtual [foundational training sessions](#) by Partner Plan Act and Illinois Action for Children.



Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Ann is verifying professional development credits available and will share details when confirmed.

### **3:55 Introduction of Council Goals (2 minutes)**

Notes:

- Ann provided an overview of Council priorities, including the Regional Scan, collaboration with Family Council, and representing the needs of their counties/communities.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **3:57 Regional Scan (3 minutes)**

Notes:

- Council members were directed to review the first two documents in their data binders (virtual members were provided PDF copies). Ann provided an overview.
  - Regional Scan Schedule: Monthly Data Review outlines topic/section that will be discussed each month.
  - Regional Scan Contents: Region 12 document that shows answers being sought per topic/section and instructions for providing the Regional Community Landscape.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Ann will provide further guidance as each topic is discussed during upcoming meetings.

### **4:00 Demographics and Slot Gap (50 minutes)**

Notes:

- Council members reviewed and discussed Federal Poverty Level and Region 12 Census information from other data sources (IECAM, Sunshine, etc.).

Decisions made:

- Council members felt that the reports and lists need deeper review to ensure accuracy and understanding. A list of questions was created to build a more accurate picture of child care and education in Region 12.

Next Steps:

- Review the Sunshine provider list and the IECAM map and report to identify any updates needed for their county/area.



- Consider the data available for their county/area and share any resources that may be beneficial to compiling the Regional Scan.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Ann will begin writing the narrative for the Regional Scan and will share that draft at the next meeting, so Action Council members may provide feedback.