



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 12 Action Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 3:30pm-5:00pm

Staff present: Ann Oswalt, Sophie Kershaw-Patilla

Council Members present: Hope Dennis, Courtney Hatcher, Jamia Joyce, Resa Shaner, Mary Roy, Amy Walters, Samantha Weidner

Council Members absent: Jennifer Bales, Jessica Drummond, Nicole Gardewine, Beth Lindemann, Lauren McClain, Roselene Quick, Alexis Schaich, Tina Staley, Arianna Walker, Liesl Wingert

#### **3:30 Welcome & Introductions (5 minutes)**

Notes: All participants provided introductions.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **3:35 Family Council Update (12 minutes)**

Notes: The first Region 12 Family Council meeting was held on October 24, so Ann highlighted what was discussed as most needed in local communities:

- Mental health services: availability and equitable access/policies
- Child care availability for second and third shifts, as well as later pick-up times for existing care
- Health and dental services, particularly lack of local availability
- Special education services and a better understanding of the referral system

Decisions made: Family Council meeting highlights and any Action Council feedback/responses will be shared each month.

Next Steps:

- The goal is to hold a future joint, virtual meeting of the Family and Action Councils, so members may meet and discuss any topics directly.

#### **3:47 Data Agreements (25 minutes)**

Notes: Ann provided clarification regarding Data Agreements.

- The State team will create Data Agreement documents, per the Action Council's request, to obtain data that reflects the Region's specific needs and the needs of Birth to Five Illinois as a whole.



- The Action Council will need to provide clarification as to which information is needed, why it is needed, and how the data will be used.

Decisions made:

- Members agreed that the following data should be requested:
  - All Pre-K through Kindergarten schools, including public, private, and micro: funded number, enrollment, need/wait list, if transportation is provided, and most requested resource (what is/isn't available; what's most difficult to find).
  - All Birth to Three schools and providers: funding type, capacity, enrollment, need/wait list, service times, and most requested resource.
  - Employers: current and potential/projected child care needs.

Next Steps:

- Data request list will be created and shared with the State team for processing.
- Ann will hold off on business Data Agreements until other Action Council members are present, but she will reach out to some employers about potentially setting up at job fairs to gather information.
- Need to further discuss the topic of special needs services during the Program session.

#### **4:12 Community Collaborations (15 minutes)**

Notes:

- Ann noted that Region 12 does not have any Community Collaborations, but we need to show what *is* happening in the Region.
- Council members discussed what Region 12 *does* have to support providers and share information (parent groups, community groups, etc.).

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps:

- Council members are asked to continue thinking about supports available within Region 12 that should be noted in the Regional Scan.
- Following an upcoming training seminar, Ann plans to reach out to various family groups (for example, homeschool, children with disabilities, etc.) within Region 12 to find out what impacted the decisions they have made regarding Early Childhood Education and Care.



Follow-up/Next Steps:

- The next meeting will be hybrid on Tuesday, November 15. There will only be one meeting in December on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Provide any Family Council member recommendations.
- Consider any other Community Collaborations that need to be included in the Regional Scan.
- Think of any other Data Agreement requests that need to be made.