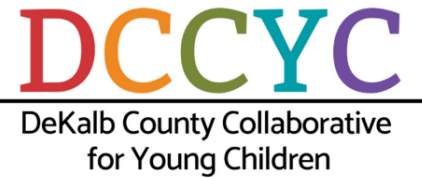




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MEETING NOTES

Region 16 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: 09/19/2022, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Council Members present: Samantha McDavid, Amanda Christensen, Jennifer Johnson, Beth Prestegaard, Courtney Hill, Larissa Vander Kuur, Kay Chase, Meryl Kleiner, Jud Curry, Tiffany Powell, Teri Spartz, Audrey Cook, DeKol Austin, Emily Reilly, Jolene Willis

Council Members absent: Kiara Jones, Andrea Cossey, Rose Malloy, DeAnda McNeil

3:00 Introduction and Ice Breaker (30)

Notes: Members used a sticky note in the Zoom Whiteboard to make an acrostic poem based on their initials of three words/phrases about why they are passionate about ECEC systems' work. When members introduced themselves and their perspectives, they shared their three passion words/phrases.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:30 Overview of DCCYC (10)

Notes:

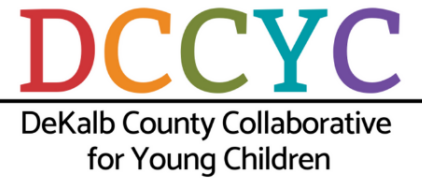
- History – started in 2014 as a collective impact workgroup
- Goals were established and the DeKalb County Regional Office of Education was selected as the backbone agency
- There is a strategic plan that is being updated
- There is an overlap in goals with Birth to Five Illinois
- The collaborative uses a hub structure with representatives from the Steering Committee on each work group and partner committee
- Work groups include topics such as identity, PR materials, presence, and evaluation of K-readiness toolkits and each work group aligns with the strategic plan
- The partner committees include Basics Ambassadors, Community/School alignment, Educator Alignment, Birth to 8 Mental Health Coalition, Family Council, Kindergarten Toolkits, etc.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



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3:40 Overview of Birth to Five Illinois and Discussion (15)

Notes:

- Birth to Five Illinois born out of the Illinois Commission on Equitable Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Funding Recommendations
- Reviewed Birth to Five Illinois Mission, Vision, and Values
- Reviewed the responsibilities of the Action Council and the Family Council
- Discussed how DCCYC and Birth to Five Illinois align, complement each other, and allow greater opportunities to enhance Early Childhood Education and Care systems together
- Partnership allows establishing statewide infrastructure, embedding equity, increasing access to ECEC, engaging families, and enhancing ECEC response
- Questions were asked and answered

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:55 Check Out: What are the Initial Opportunities? (10)

Notes:

- The Action Council circled back to their “why” and discussed opportunities for this work
- The Family Council is one of the biggest opportunities
- Discussed the agenda and the next meeting time
- A poll was taken to determine if members would attend a fully in-person meeting and there was consensus to explore that option

Decisions made: Meet on October 24th at 3 PM. Schedule meeting for 1.5 hours

Next Steps: Include Community Agreements and an overview of Community-Based Planning (CBP) results in the next meeting. Schedule the next Region 16 Action Council Meeting for 10/24/2022 at 3:00 PM.

4:05 Adjourn

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Send CBP information before next meeting