



Meeting Notes

Region 17 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: November 30, 2022, 1:15-3pm

Council Members present in person: Melissa Breeden, Debra Honegger, Kris Pennington

Council Members present online: Ashley Dowd, Pam Womack

Council Members absent: Molly Allen, Krissy Conklen, Judy Engelbrecht, Lisa Hood, Kadi Juris, Joni Staley, Maureen Sollars, Kim Wernecke, Sarah Shields, Dawn Wickenhauser

1:15 Welcome, Introductions & Review of Community Agreements (10 minutes)

Notes:

- Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager (RCM); Becky Thacker, Family and Community Engagement Specialist (FACE); Monica Reed, Regional Administrative Support (RAS)
- Each council member and Birth to Five IL staff gave their favorite wintertime memory as a child as an ice breaker activity.
- Handouts of the Agenda and small group breakout sessions were provided for in-person attendees, the forms were dropped into the chat.
- Clarified Community Agreements
- Link provided for the meeting information on the Google Drive.
- Watched a short video "Build Initiative" and discussed afterwards.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

1:25 Toolbox of Resources Available to Council Members (15 minutes)

Facilitator(s): Carol Weisheit (referred to in follow-up email)

Materials: Power Point

Notes:

- Recorded and released sometime in November.
 - Early Care and Education Overview
 - Racial Equity in Planning and Assessments
 - Community Systems Development Overview
 - Early Childhood Data and Asset Maps
 - Parent and Community Engagement

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



1:40 Overview of Regional Scan (10 minutes)

Notes:

- RCM explained our meeting focus for each month

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

1:50 Using Data and Sources of Data (10 minutes)

Notes:

- Regional Boundaries (why we use them/the source (ISBE)
- Data Sources:
 - I-ECAM Regional Report
 - Early Childhood Data and Asset Map
 - U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts
 - Workforce Data will be looked at in another couple of months.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

2:00 Small Group Regional Data Exercise to tell the Story of each Region (30 minutes)

Notes:

- Meeting was divided into three groups to analyze the data to tell the story of Region 17.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

2:30 Small Group Report Out (20 minutes)

- Group 1 reported on Demographics for Region 17:
- Group 2 reported on Poverty and Access to Childcare:
- Group 3 reported on Erikson Institute Risk & Reach Report
- Members discussed what makes them feel hopeful and skeptical from this information.
- Members discussed families deciding to delay sending their children to Kindergarten.
- RCM talked about the upcoming focus groups and interviews.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

2:50 Questions and Next Steps (10 minutes)



Notes:

- The next meeting will continue looking at demographics and plan future meeting dates past January 4. We will have new members join us.

Decisions made: as listed above

Next Steps: Next meeting December 7th.

Thank you to everyone for the transformative work being done in the region to impact the state with family and community voices centralized.

Next Meeting: December 7th

Time: 1:15-3:00