



MEETING NOTES

Region 19 Action Council Meeting

Location: 800 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn/Zoom

Date & Time: November 16, 2022, 4:00 to 6 pm

4:00 pm: Welcome & Introductions & Review of Community Agreements (15 minutes)

Notes:

- Regarding shared Google documents- if you have asked for permission to access documents and permission is not accepted in a couple of days please reach out to Valerie.
- Action Council members are encouraged to attend virtual Foundational Training sessions offered by Partner Plan Act and Illinois Action for Children. These trainings are optional but offered to all Council members.
- Our first Family Council Meeting will be held Thursday, November 17, 2022. We are still accepting interest forms until December, if members know of anyone, please encourage them to fill out an interest form.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: A link for Foundational Training will be sent out to Action Council Members.

4:15 pm: DuPage County Demographic Information Overview (25 minutes)

Notes:

- Candice King presented a power point on DuPage County demographic
- Discussion on how DuPage County is different from the pictured image, the reality of DuPage County with data, and the impact of employment during the pandemic.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



4:40 pm: DuPage County Demographics Discussion (1 hour and 10 minutes)

Notes:

- Members were curious to know why there are around 60,000 kids on Medicaid, but not enrolled in free or reduced lunch.
- Thoughts regarding the high number of families at risk of being homeless, but the assumption is not there because they live in the suburbs. Subsequently, there are families who are in need of services, but they do not want public assistance.
- Discussion about the definition of diverse/diversity. How do we define it for DuPage County?
- Members expressed their thoughts on taking a deeper look at the priority population when looking at data.
- Discussion around early childhood screening. How are they defining screenings? How many children are not being screened and not receiving the services they may need?
- Discussion around Federal Poverty Level and qualification for benefits.
- Surprised at how many single working parent homes there are, with the cost of living in DuPage County.
- Discussion regarding who are the children and families living in our communities.
- What information or data is missing? What do we need to know more about in DuPage County?

Decisions made:

- Action Council Members acknowledge using the word diversity as the following common definition.
 - Diversity—Variation among individuals, as well as within and across groups of individuals, in terms of their backgrounds and lived experiences. These experiences are related to social identities, including race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, social and economic status, religion, ability status, and country of origin (Definitions of key terms. NAEYC. (n.d.). Retrieved November 18, 2022, from <https://www.naeyc.org/resources/position-statements/equity/definitions>).



- Action Council Members can take immediate action with needs arising in the region if it is in their scope of work.

Next Steps: N/A

5:50 pm: Next Steps (10 minutes)

Notes:

- If at any point any Action Council members want to share something or add something, please feel free to add it to our Google forms or bring it up in our next meeting.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps:

- Slot gap Google form will be sent out. Input is appreciated before the meeting, mostly if an Action Council member is not able to attend the meeting.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- A link for Foundational Training will be sent out to Action Council members.
- Next Action Council meeting is December 16th, 2022.
- Meeting notes will be sent to all.
- Google Forms and Shared Google folders will be sent out and updated.