



MEETING NOTES

Region 1BB Action Council Meeting #4

Location: Virtual

Date & Time: Monday, December 12, 2022 1:00-3:00pm

Members Present: Tiffany Lewis, Ana Guevera, Shannon Ellis, Jennifer Wisegarver, Precious Porras, Kanella Maniatis, Emily Norman, Linda Rios, Kathy Slattery, Linda Rios, Rosalind Banks, Shannon Ellison, Glenda Thomas, Vivian Palicki

Members Absent: Holly McCarthy, Sarah Weston, Diane Schoenheider

1:00 Welcome & Icebreaker Activity-Essential Apps (20 minutes)

1:10 Birth to Five Region 1BB Updates

Notes:

- Minutes from previous council meeting available on webpage
- State team expanding- Assistant Director hired and two Data positions posted on website.
- Regional Facebook page
- Community Events

1:15 Birth to Five Family Updates

Notes:

- Currently have minimum number to host first meeting on January 10
- Community outreach continuing

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Continue recruiting for Family Council

1:20 Community Collaborations

Notes:

- YouTube video on collaborations
- What is a collaboration?- Birth to Five Definition: formalized group of stakeholders working together to improve early childhood education
- What is ECE collaboration landscape in Illinois
- What is ECE collaboration in our region-Collaboration for Early Childhood, AOK Cicero



- Collaboration for Early Childhood Shannon Ellison presented an overview of collaboration. Current activities include: community-wide developmental screening; currently looking for new Executive Director and other staff members; to start collaboration, needed community buy-in on early childhood education importance; intergovernmental agreement; staff shortages remain a big challenge; COVID relief benefits coming to end; trying to connect with non-English speakers; removing the stigma of home visiting programs; trying to partner with neighboring communities; need to be included in transportation issue discussions
Birth to Five Illinois can assist in the following ways: need more up-to-date data; lists of CCAP providers; developing partnerships with neighboring communities; school assessment data; ECE workforce support regarding salary
- All Our Kids-Cicero. Linda Rios presented overview of the collaboration. Promote health and well-being in early childhood; community development agency; conduct community assessment every 5 years; network capacity; child and family outcome; parent ambassador programs; integrated referral and intake system (IRIS); developmental screening for children under the age of 3 years not enrolled in EC program; connect with mental health and overall health partners in community. Need fiscal funding to begin and maintain collaboration. Current challenges include staffing shortages, conflict between partners, cultural barriers, importance of early childhood education, and barriers to accessing services. Serve as mentor with Illinois Action for Children. Need data sharing regarding specific towns, transparency in state initiatives, continued support from other organizations.
- We Connect; Community Collaboration resources shared

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

2:50 Next Meeting Poll launched

Notes: N/A

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Next meeting day/time will be emailed

2:55 Meeting adjourned