

MEETING NOTES

Region 1-B-D Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: Monday, November 21st, 3:00-5:00 pm

Council Members present: Clare Giuffrida, Kate Warach, Bettye Cohns, Kristen Ford, Carrie Rafalski, Amy Cocorikis, Lisa Merdinger, Agnieszka Moroni, Natalie Wood, John Ranieri, Susan Cerza, Vikki Podlipni

Council Members absent: Olga Khamichonak

Some council members left the meeting early

3:00 pm: Welcome & Introductions

Notes: Ilinca welcomed the Action Council members and introduced herself and the Cook North team. There was a quick overview of Jamboard and how to use it. Ilinca shared that the Google Drive folder will be used to share data and information for the Action Council.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:10 pm: Icebreaker Activity

Notes: For the icebreaker activity, members in person used sticky notes, and members attending via zoom used Jamboard to write one word about how they are feeling about being on the Action Council for Birth to Five Illinois.

Ilinca also asked the Action Council members to introduce themselves, share their work experience and answer the question, "Who made a big impact in your childhood and why?"

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:40 pm: Introduction to Birth to Five Illinois, Council Purpose & Member Expectations

Notes: Ilinca gave an overview of Birth to Five Illinois. She presented the Birth to Five Illinois vision, mission, and values on PowerPoint. Ilinca presented the Birth to Five Illinois Action Council's purpose and commitment. She asked the Council members to add any commitments to Jamboard or for those members that attended in person, on a sticky note. The group discussed the importance of active participation, active listening, sharing resources, and being courteous among others. Ilinca explained that the work of the Action Council work is to identify gaps, explore data and contextualize

it, and have the Family Council information lead and inform the analysis. The discussion ended with an expression of gratitude for the commitment that each Action Council member has made to make Cook North a great place for children and their families.

Decisions made: The Action Council will meet one time in December, and twice a month starting in January.

Next Steps: Ilinca will share the agenda for the next meeting via a calendar invite.

4:10 pm: Break (10 minutes)

4:20: Community Agreements

Notes: Ilinca presented the video “Mister Rogers Testifies to Senate.” After watching the video there was an active discussion about the video.

Following the video discussion, Ilinca invited Action Council members to think about community agreements and how we’d like to be as a group when working together. Action Council members posted on Jamboard or using sticky notes. Some of the community agreements decided on: listening to understand, coming prepared, being caring and kind in responses, being open, building trust and demonstrating respect, and keeping the children and families at the forefront of all our discussions.

Decisions: The Action Council will use the community agreements for our work together and can add/edit the agreements on-going, as needed.

Next Steps: Ilinca will email a document with the community agreements to the Action Council members by 12/1.

4:40: Meeting Schedule & Location & Hybrid Discussion

Notes: Ilinca created a poll to decide on the best day and time for the Action Council meetings moving forward. Following the poll for meeting cadence, Ilinca asked members to subscribe to our regional page to get updates from our region.

Decisions made: The day that worked best for most members was Monday and the time selected was between 3:00 – 5:00 pm.


Next Steps: Ilinca will send out calendar invites for the next meeting.

Open for Additional Questions

Notes: No additional questions were asked.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



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Next Meeting: December 5th, Time 3pm to 5pm