



MEETING NOTES

Region 21 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: Monday, December 12th, 5:00-7:00pm

Council Members present: Kathy Keel (Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Coordinator for Williamson County Education Services), Missy Brown (Child Care Resource and Referral Director), Pamela Thrash (Parent Education for Southern Region Early Childhood Programs), Patsy Jensen (Shawnee Health Services Executive Director), Jennifer Parks (Southern Seven Health Department/Head Start Early Childhood Administrator), Barbara Green (Family Child Care Owner), Phillip Hosfeldt (Dean of System Programs/Johnson County Early Childhood Coordinator), Barbara Timmons (Owner and CEO at Miz BJ's Hair Haven) and Edrica McDowell (Community Services Manager at Centerstone).

Council Members absent: Lee Eklund (Malone's Early Learning Center Executive Director), Candy Lewis (Yellow Brick Road Owner), Terrance Henry (City of Marion IT Director), Tammy Samples (Safe Families for Children- Southern Illinois Chapter Coordinator) and Johna Schullian (McKinney-Vento Grant Director)

5:00-5:05: Welcome/ Review of Community Agreements (5 minutes)

Facilitator(s): Tonya Frehner, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Facilitator: Tonya Frehner – Regional Council Manager
- Brief Introductions and Icebreaker Activity

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:05-5:15: Family Council Update (5-10 minutes)

Notes:

- Facilitator: Chelsi Diles, Family and Community Engagement Specialist
- Family Council: geographic breakdown was shared, family council voiced that they do not know how to receive Child Find dates and information, stories were shared to support the data discussions and update given on discussions to date.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:15-5:45: Priority Populations Continued (30 minutes)



Notes:

- Facilitator: Tonya Frehner – Regional Council Manager
- Family Child Care- Barbara Green shared challenges from families in her community regarding the early childhood education and care in education system.
- Conversations on additional perspectives were shared.
- Regional Council Manager shared a summary document on Priority Population conversation.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:45-6:45: ECEC Programs (60 minutes)

Notes:

- Facilitator: Tonya Frehner – Regional Council Manager
- Early Care in Education landscape was defined, and council members were asked to think about the conversation both internally and externally, with a 360-degree view from the lens of people working it, people using it and people affected by it.
- Child Care (Licensed Child Care, Licensed Family Care Centers, Licensed-Exempt Child Care Center, Family/Friend and Neighbor Care) landscape in Region 21 was discussed. Strengths and challenges were captured. Missy Brown, Child Care Resource & Referral Director, gave an overview of family, friend, and neighbor care. This included definition, numbers of families served, requirements and qualifications. This piece is important to include so that it is reflected in the discussion and scan.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Continue conversations on ISBE funded programs (Pre-K and Prevention Initiative, Head Start, Early Head Start, Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education)

6:45-7:00: Debrief/Next Steps- (15 minutes)

Notes:

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- Continue conversations on ISBE funded programs (Pre-K and Prevention Initiative, Head Start, Early Head Start, Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education)



Next Meeting:

Date: January 9, 2022

Time: 1:00-3:00pm

Location: CCRR, 607 S. Greenbriar Rd., Carterville, IL 62918

Links to Data Sources:

- I-ecam -[IECAM \(illinois.edu\)](http://IECAM.illinois.edu)
- [Asset Map \(link in Region 21 Google Drive\)](#)
- Census -[U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: United States](#)
- [Erikson Institute Illinois Risk and Reach Report - Interactive Map](#)
- [PPA_CollaborationDirectory-2022_CS3_Final.pdf \(higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)
- [Head Start dashboard](#)
- [Region 21 Data Overview](#)