

MEETING NOTES

Region 24 Action Council Meeting

Location: Hybrid: Zoom & 1304 Sunset Ave. Suite B Yorkville, IL 60560

Date & Time: 12/7/22, 11:00am to 1:00pm

Council Members present: Michelle Polivka, Cory Mehnert, Melissa Vargas, Jessica Kubiak, Ann Marie Kuta, Genny Haggard, Nancy Beal, Glenda Love

Council Members absent: Stephanie Adamson, Jami Mast

11:00am: Welcome & Introductions & Review of Community Agreements (10 Minutes)

Notes:

- Introductions and why are you happy to be in the group? Also went over our Community Agreements that we worked on as a group to complete from the previous Action Council meeting.
- Cory: Happy to be working towards a great goal with working families and being advocates.
- Mandy: Excited to be part of this program and help increase awareness with the help of others.

Decisions made: Action Council members all agreed on the Community Agreements and if at any time we can add them.

Next Steps: Continue to have open communication in all our meetings.

11:10am: Team Building Activity: ECE Desert (45 Minutes)

Notes:

As we embark on change to reimagine our Early Childhood Education and Care systems in Illinois, we have been charged to conduct a Needs assessment and rank these 10 items listed below in order of importance to acquire new community development and /or redesign existing developments using established data.

- Council members interacted both virtually and in-person. We broke them into two groups.
- Curriculum -Market Analysis
- Staff - Furniture
- Children - Funding
- Parent/ caregivers - Building
- Business plan - Policies
- Community partnership
- Then came back together as a group and discussed how they clustered the 10 items together.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

11:55am: Overview of Demographics & IECAM: (15 Minutes)

Notes:

- Council members were given information about the IECAM website. Showed the Action Council members how it is broken down by County for our Region 24.
- Also went over briefly Demographics and explained that we will be diving more in detail at the first Action Council Meeting of the month in January.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Councils members will look over IECAM website information.

12:10pm: Break/ Gift Exchange (15 Minutes)

12:25pm: Foundational Trainings Available for Action Council Members: (10 Minutes)

Notes:

- Council members were shown the website of where to watch the Foundational Trainings.
- Regional Council Manager Sharkisha went through the 7 trainings available to them

Decisions made: The Action Council members will complete the trainings.

Next Steps: Melissa Kanning (Administrative Support) will send out the website with the notes from the meeting.

12:35pm: Schedule Agreements: Setting up meeting days & times (20 Minutes)

Notes:

- Discussed when we will meet, location and time.
- Action Council members decided they would like a poll to put together with a few dates and times.

Decisions made: Have a poll put together with times and dates.

Next Steps: Sending out poll to Action Council members to see if we can come to agreement on 1st & 3rd of month or 2nd & 4th of month for our meetings.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Look over IECAM information and look over our region.
- Take foundational trainings from Partner Plan Act.
- Put together a poll to figure out and finalize dates of meetings up until April.