



## AGENDA

### Region 26 Action Council Meeting

Location:

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 30, 6:00-7:45 pm | [Virtual Link](#)

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**Present:** Micah Garnett, Angela Hale, Paul Larson, Shannon McKee, Josh Pickle.

**Virtually present:** Elizabeth Adler, Marc Baxter, Cara Erude, Amy Gee, Michael Inman, Lacie McGraw, Angela Vera, Sharron Warning,

#### **6:00 pm: Introductions and Welcome (10 minutes)**

Facilitator(s): Paul Larson

Decisions: n/a

Next steps: n/a

#### **6:15 pm: Local Community Collaborations(45 minutes)**

Facilitator(s) Paul Larson and Shannon McKee

Decisions:

Council Members stated.

- We do not have an early education collaboration, but we do have Interagency councils for every county.
- There is a collaboration between some specific agencies, such as school districts and Preschool for All.
- We have the players for the team just not the quarterback (we have people willing to participate but no one willing to step up and lead)
- The new IRIS system that is going to be rolled out sounds interesting.
- Therapy services are lacking and council members would love to see a collaboration for those services.

Strengths of having a Collaboration.

- Stronger Families
- Getting to know other agency services
- Helps stretch thin resources
- Connects with needs at greater depths



- Shared knowledge and resources
- Tends to Avoid Duplication of effort.

Weaknesses of having a Collaboration

- Need to have groups committed to the project, personnel time, and financial resources
- Not everyone can meet and conflicts of interest
- Can sometimes negatively impact the efficiency
- Greater communication to get the word out
- Without strong leadership, problems can arise to get things done
- Thin resources can't be stretched anymore.
- False starts.

Opportunities of having collaboration.

- Makes for a greater cohesive
- Finding gaps and needs in the community
- Finding commonality of purpose
- Finding shared experiences that can lead to improved group knowledge
- Opportunities of having collaboration include being able to offer services to places where there is a desert.
- Involve a larger number of agencies and community groups not just ECEC but churches, libraries, etc.

Threats of having a collaboration

- Duplication of efforts already started
- Conflict of interest
- Needing a fiscal agent
- Running out of money to fund collaborations and resources.

What do we do Successfully? What questions do we need to ask to start a collaboration? What problems need to be addressed?

- What is the process for starting the collaboration and seeing it continue?
- Who will take the lead in recruiting member groups to things like IRIS?
- Does the ROE have the capacity to do this with personnel?
- How will it be sustained once the grant funding runs out?
- What time and financial commitment is required from each agency?
- Are there opportunities for volunteer leadership partnerships?

Next steps:n/a

**6:45 pm: Priority Population Overview (30 minutes)**



Facilitator(s) Paul Larson and Shannon McKee  
Decisions:

Action Council Members stated.

- Disability opportunities for children over the age of 3 we have no help for those children.
- If there are services the quality is not there, and they are located over an hour away from the need.
- The waitlist for disability services is 6+ months
- Children of Migrate and seasonal workers are invisible to the world unless you are out in the fields the children often go unnoticed.
- The homeless population in the region is very high
- The priority populations that we service are not saying what help they need, which could be due to embarrassment or not knowing they can get help if they speak up.

**Next Steps:** Gather numbers of each priority population we have in the region and disperse the list out to action council members at the next meeting.

**7:15 pm: On the Radar & Housekeeping:** (15 minutes)

Facilitators: Shannon McKee & Paul Larson

Decisions: n/a

Next steps: n/a

**7:25 pm: Wrap Up (5 minutes)**

Facilitator: Paul Larson

Decisions: n/a

Next steps: n/a

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Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 14

Time: 6:00 pm-7:45 pm

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, Canton IL, Virtual