



MEETING NOTES

Region 30 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: October 6, 2022, 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Council Members present: Kathy Swafford, Denise Henry, Sandy Snowden, Patty Davis, Donna Middleton, M. Stalls, Colleen McLaughlin

Council Members present via Zoom: Tracie Griffith, Cindy Rice, Sheridan Johnson, Tangela Oliver, Belinda Hill, Sheryl Houston, and Lashauna Cornelius

Council Members absent: Debbie Bruns, Keesha Carr, Cheryl Graff, Claire Hughes, and Karen Samuel

5:30pm: Welcome & Introductions & Review of Community Agreements (15 minutes)

Notes: Zena reviews Community Agreements, introduction of Action Council members, and agenda for tonight's meeting.

Next Steps: Continue to follow our Community Agreements and get to know each other.

5:45pm: Introduction to Birth to Five Illinois Councils & Goals (45 minutes)

Notes: Zena discusses funding and how it is distributed throughout the early childhood services. Also discusses how to identify gaps, racial, and socioeconomic issues in the families in Region 30. Zena discusses with Action Council members the regional scan and how data will be analyzed. Zena discusses amplifying family voices and gathering information from parents in our Region.

Decisions made: Action Council members will look at the regional data each month using the outline provided.

Next Steps: To initiate the review of the needs in our Region.

Notes: Zena discusses with Action Council members looking at kindergarten readiness, what are some steps Action Council members could take to help with this gap. Discussed racial equity with members and what are some uncomfortable conversations the Action Council members will need to have to help fill in the gaps. Members of the Action Council express the difficulties that teachers are having with



children entering kindergarten without the needed skills due to lack of services in the Head Start and childcare sector.

Decisions made: Action Council members will discuss further the need for racial equity and how this issue can be rectified to help all communities make a change.

Next Steps: Finding a system to work with communities to improve the equality of childcare services fairly.

Notes: Equity, Quality, Stability and Simplicity. Partnering with the Family Council and listening to their concerns and conducting interviews with families to get as many voices as possible.

Decisions made: To work together to analyze data for the Regional Scan

Next Steps: Looking at demographic overview and slot gap data in our communities and several trainings that will be available for Council members via Partner Plan Act:

[Previous Trainings - Partner Plan Act](#)

6:30pm: Break (5 minutes)

6:35pm: Training Available to Council Members (10 minutes)

Notes: Zena informed Action Council members of trainings available online soon

Next Steps: We will email Action Council members the link when these are available.

7:15pm: Team Building (10 minutes)

Notes: Linda conducted a game of Jeopardy via Power Point with Action Council members. Questions were a review of today's meeting.

Next Steps: Action Council will meet to analyze demographic overview and slot gap data. This meeting will take place via Zoom on October 25, 2022, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2022

Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm