



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 32 Action Council Meeting

**Location: KCC North Extension, 450 N. Kinzie Ave., Bradley, Illinois**

**Date & Time: November 4, 2022, 9:00-10:30am**

**Council Members Present:** Amanda Parks, Carolyn Short, Chrissy Nojd, Cindy Luzeniecki, Jim Duggan, Mary Self, Rebecca Kroiss, Rebecca (Graham) Howard, Rosemary Pistorius, Sheree Skyes, and Theodis Pace.

**Zoom Members Present:** Christine Johnston, Holly Knupp, and Rita Armstrong.

**Council Members Absent:** Amanda Chorak, Erin Goldenstein, Marquita Cox, Pamela Powell, and Susan Newcomb Mawrer.

#### **9:06, Permission to Record, Photo Release, Welcome and Introductions (15 minutes)**

Notes:

- Permission was granted to record meetings for note-taking purposes.
- Liz welcomed and the team introduced themselves and their roles.
- Amanda Parks- Play Palz 101, Carolyn Short- Iroquois County CUSD #9, Chrissy Nojd- Kankakee Community College Early Education, Christine Johnston- St. George Elementary School, Cindy Luzeniecki- Early Intervention, Holly Knupp- Parent Representative, Jim Duggan- Bourbonnais Elementary School District 53, Mary Self- Project Sun, Rebecca Kroiss- Child Care Resources and Referral, Rebecca Graham- First Taste Kankakee School District, Rita Armstrong- Child Care Resource and Referral, Rosemary Pistorius- Consultant TheraPlay, Sheree Skyes- Catholic Charities Early Childhood, and Theodis Pace- NAACP Kankakee.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **9:21, Icebreaker Activity (10 minutes)**

Notes:

- Council shared the emoji they felt when they first heard about Birth to Five Illinois.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **9:31, Introduction to Birth to Five Illinois, Council Purpose and Member Expectations (40 minutes)**

Notes:

- The Birth to Five Illinois introductory animation video was shown to Council.
- Liz explained how Birth to Five started and where we are present, with our councils.
- The Vision and Mission were read while Council spoke of words that jumped out to them. Words from the Vision and Mission that were commonly said were reimagining, family and community voice, equitable decision-making, and amplified community input.

Decisions made: It was noted that certain groups of the community are missing. Liz emphasized getting those people involved with the Action and Family Council or Focus Groups.

Next Steps: Share the emotion and bring back people who need to get involved (examples, are DCFS and Public Aid).

### **10:10, Community Agreements and Meeting Roles (15 minutes)**

Notes:

- Liz led Council in discussing a Community and Meeting Agreement. Ideas were given and written on the board.

Decisions made: Agreements agreed upon: Be present (both in person and on Zoom), Meetings are a safe place and will have confidentiality, Members will be on time, Respect Culture, and Prioritize meetings by staying focused to forward movement.

Next Steps: This will remain a living document and will remain at the forefront of the Council's work.

### **10:25, Preview Regional Scan (5 minutes)**

Notes:

- Regional Scan was looked at and Liz bulleted the first four points for our next meeting.
- Items bulleted were the Number of children by race/ethnicity, number of children by age, location of children, and number of children by age under 100% and 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- The question was asked about Early Intervention Data.

Decisions made: December meeting will address these bullets.

Next Steps: Review questions for the next Action Council Meeting.

**10:30, Action and Family Council Team Needed/ Dates to Meet (10 minutes)**

Notes:

- Emphasis on recruiting anyone who was not mentioned, and people needed for Family Council.
- Meeting dates were suggested and agreed upon for future Action Council Dates.

Decisions made: Action Council Meetings will be held the first Thursday of the month from 9-10:30am at the KCC North Extension Building.

Next Steps: Schedule meetings on calendars.

**Adjourn Time: 10:40am**

**Follow-up/Next Steps:** Next Meeting Thursday, December 1st, 2022, 9-10:30am