



MEETING NOTES

Region 32 Action Council Meeting

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

Date & Time: December 1, 2022, 9:00-10:30am

Council Members present: Sheree Sykes, Carolyn Short, Cindy Luzeniecki, Ben Kindem, Chrissy Nojd, James Duggan, Cindi Schimmelpfennig, Mary Self, Rosemary Pistorius, Rebecca Graham, Newcomb Mowrer, Erin Goldenstein, Christine Johnston, Marquita Cox, Pamela Powell, Rebecca Kroiss, Amanda Chorak

Council Members absent: Amanda Parks, Holly Knupp, Rhonda Pence, Rita Armstrong, Theodis Pace, Rhonda Showers

9:04: Permission to Record and Photo Release

Council Members agreed.

9:05: Welcome Message, Introduction of R32 Team, Action Council Members & New Action Council Members by State Selection Committee (10 minutes)

- Liz welcomed everyone, and the two new members present introduced themselves, Ben Kindem (medical field) and Cindi Schimmelpfennig (faith field).
- Rhonda Showers will be joining us as well representing the mental health field.
- An individual icebreaker was completed where members were asked to write down what they personally hope to bring to the action council and grant narratives

9:15: Review of Community Agreements & New Additions (5 minutes)

- Council Members agreed to agreements and no new additions.

9:20: Brief Review of Birth to Five Illinois Councils & Goals (10 minutes)

- The PowerPoint slides are available in Google drive for our members and can be reviewed there.
- Liz emphasized our challenge in getting all representation for our counties in all fields.

9:30: Regional Scan Outline & Focus Questions (10 minutes)

- We will be beginning our regional scan over the next several months.
- Liz played the *Bull's* starting lineup song to "charge" our members in getting ready for conversations and getting individuals to participate in focus groups, collecting data, and the mission of Birth to Five Illinois.

- We are tentatively anticipating focus groups for daycare, the Pembroke area, and YMCA.

9:45: Demographic Data Review & Discussion (45 minutes)

- Liz played a brief “Data Walk” video from The Annie Casey Foundation (the video is also in the Google folder).
- Council members were put into groups and completed the Data Walk using three data sources: Interactive Maps (IL Action for Children), Region 32 Chart Templates (IECAM/IL Action for Children), and Region 32 Community Report (IECAM).
- Data consists of 2020-2021 information; members were asked if more current data can be obtained from their contacts.
- Groups looked at data and answered the first four questions from the regional scan.
- Main Ideas from the group’s Data Walk conversations:
 - Interactive Maps- the definite need for transportation and providers in Iroquois county and higher poverty levels have fewer services for childcare.
 - Region 32 Chart Templates- there are not enough spots for birth to three and three to five-year-old, the need for current data, we don’t know the breakdowns of a Head Start and PFA being only half day/full day, tuition-based.
 - Region 32 Community Report- there is a lack of 0-3-year-olds services in Iroquois (no PI, CCRR, Early Head Start) and a lack of family socialization in Iroquois county.

10:30: Q & A, Action Council to Family Council Updates (10 minutes)

- No updates on the family council besides getting Iroquois county representation.
- Provided personal development opportunities that will be emailed.
- Council will be asked to reflect on three questions for the January meeting:
 - What is our region’s community demographic landscape?
 - What are the defining characteristics of our region?
 - Why is it important to include this information in the scan?

10:41: Adjourn

Follow-Up/Next Steps: Next meeting Thursday, January 5th, 2023, 9-11:00am