



MEETING NOTES

Region 33 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: 9/21/22- 3:30

Council Members present:

In-Person: Erin Brown-Powell, Tara Case, Josh Gibb, Miranda Gullberg, Emily Henry, Rhonda Hillyer, Gorette Kupa, Anthony Law, John Mabon, Malia Owens, Peter Schwartzman, Jodi Scott, Roy Van Meter

Virtual: Lisa Medina-Foshay, Mary Reed

Council Members absent: Amy Gipe, Esther Ogunrinde, Scott Rasso, Kim Stickell

3:36pm: Introduction/Ice Breaker (15 minutes)

Notes:

- *Honoring the efforts of the ROE & The Village
- *Council Member's Names
- *Favorite Activities/Interests/Distractions
- *Interest and Understanding in Early Childhood Education and Care

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:51pm: Birth to Five Goals and Overview (15 minutes)

Notes:

- *Elevating Family and Provider Voice, especially under-represented groups.
- *Ensure all children have access to high-quality education and care.
- *Regions working autonomously to inform the state for funding and policy.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

4:06pm: ACTION Council Purpose/Activity/Discussion (29 minutes)

Notes:



- *Council members represent their larger communities and experiences.
- *Regional Scan- Due Spring 2023
 - ROE has accumulated some of the scan already
- *Identify Gaps
- *Make recommendations to state regarding funding and policy
- *Family Council overview
- *Miranda Gullberg and Gorette Kupa shared their lived experiences

***Concerns for our Region**

- 1) Shortage of Qualified/Quality ECEC Workers/Providers
- 2) Too many children left out
- 3) Limited language availability for training new ECEC workers
- 4) Difficult DCFS standards for credentialing
- 5) Funding
- 6) Some segments of community are unaware of opportunities
- 7) The variety of issues creates fragmentation of efforts
- 8) Connection between frontline workers and decision-makers

***Solutions for our Region**

- 1a) More access to ECEC education Programs
- 1b) Easier pathway for credentialing
- 1c) Funding Streams for ECEC
- 1d) Hold workshops teaching process of opening home childcare
- 1e) Incentivize training
- 2) Make ECEC free to families
- 3) More communication of opportunities in multiple languages
- 4) Easier pathway for credentialing
- 5) Use funding model like EBF- not rob one program for another
- 6) Assure resources/supports are reaching as many families as possible.
- 7) Complete Regional Analysis/ Streamline funding for efficiency.
- 8) Effective Councils

Decisions made:

- *Complete Scan by Spring 2023

Next Steps:

- *Members of Council to seek out their constituents for input.
- *Augment ROE's Scan data



4:35pm: Next Steps (8 minutes)

Notes:

- *Meeting Dates/Times/Locations
 - Survey Monkey allowing members to communicate preferences
- *Meeting Minutes will be provided through email
- *Questions and Comments

Decisions made:

- *Survey Monkey will be used for Meeting Scheduling

Next Steps:

- *Birth to Five Illinois staff to send out Survey Monkey
- *Birth to Five Illinois staff to send Meeting Minutes through email
- *Birth to Five Illinois staff to reach out to missing attendees

4:53pm: Meeting Adjourned