



MEETING NOTES

Region 33 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: 11/9/22- 3:00-5:00pm

Council Members present:

Kara Bigger, Erin Brown-Powell, Amy Fullerton, Miranda Gullberg, Rhonda Hillyer, Gorette Kupa, John Mabon, Lisa Medina-Foshay, Malia Owens, Scott Rasso, Mary Reed, Peter Schwartzman, Kim Stickell, Roy Van Meter

Council Members absent:

Tara Case, Pam Gaither, Josh Gibb, Amy Gipe, Emily Henry, Anthony Law, Esther Ogunrinde, Jodi Scott

3:10pm: Introduction of the Illinois Early Childhood Collaboration Directory 6th Edition, April 2022 (5 minutes)

Notes:

- Recording Notification and Consent
- Link:
https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/ACTFORCHILDREN/f8e9848a-47b2-4792-9e90-a35961561f37/UploadedImages/PPA_CollaborationDirectory-2022_CS3_Final.pdf
- The Village- "Early Learning Council" is located on page 45.
- The guide contains 53 Collaborations in the State of Illinois.
- Information included in the guide:
 - Location of Collaborations
 - Mission/Vision/Governance
 - Accomplishments
 - Contact Information
 - Partners & Participants

Decisions made: N/A

3:15pm: Local Community Collaborations (80 minutes)



Notes:

Rhonda Hillyer and members of the Core Council presented details about our Region's Community Collaboration Landscape.

1) *What is the Region's Community Collaboration Landscape?*

- A) Youth Empowerment System (YES)
- B) Recovery System of Care (ROSC)
- C) Blue Ribbon Task Force
- D) Drug Endangered Children's Alliance
- E) The Village Collaborative
 - i) MAPS and PowerPoint in Shared Google Folder
 - a) Link shared with ACTION Council through email
 - b) Folder contains minutes and data from meetings
 - ii) Excelerate Illinois Quality Rating System
 - a) Used by Licensed Early Childhood Entities
 - b) Bronze, Silver, Gold Levels
 - c) Criteria for achievement is evolving
 - iii) Illinois State Board of Education Free Services
 - a) Prenatal to 3
 - i. Prevention Initiative Home Visiting
 - ii. Prevention Initiative- Center-based Support
 - b) 3-5 years old
 - i. Preschool for All
 - ii. Preschool All Expansion
 - iv) Federal Head Start Services 100%-135% Federal Poverty Level
 - a) Early Head Start- Home Visiting
 - i. Only Home Visiting in Henderson, Knox, & Warren Counties
 - ii. Only have 2 home visitors
 - iii. Home Childcare Network (Malia Owens) has funding to start Early Head Start in Mercer County- needs Home Providers
 - b) Head Start- 3-5 years old
 - v) State Department of Family Services Licensing
 - a) Licensed Exempt Homes (Family/Friend/Neighbor)
 - b) Licensed Child Care Homes
 - c) Licensed Child Care Group Homes up to 16 Slots



- vi) Home Child Care Network (Malia Owens)
 - a) 17 Counties
 - b) Licensed Child Care Homes
- vii) Sites/Centers
 - a) Licensed Exempt Sites
 - b) Licensed Exempt Centers
 - c) Licensed Childcare Centers
- viii) Community Based Preschools
 - a) 3-5 years old
 - b) License Exempt
 - c) Local organizations (churches, private schools)
- ix) There are NO Licensed Child Care Centers in Henderson County

2) What are existing collaborations or community groups working on?

- A) Jamieson Center
 - i) Birth-12
 - ii) Remodeling building to start new Childcare Center in Monmouth
 - iii) Construction of a new roof is needed.
 - iv) Still looking for a Director.
- B) Knox County YMCA
 - i) Applying for Silver Circle
 - ii) Applied for Construction Grant
- C) The Village Early Childhood Collaboration
 - i) Spending Grant funds awarded from Birth to Five Illinois
 - ii) Recruiting Job Force
 - a. Working with Delabar Career & Technical Education
 - b. Holding Job Fairs
 - c. Community education and enrollment campaign
 - iii) Purchasing Chromebooks to help with Child Development Associate National Credentialing Program
 - iv) Purchasing Teacher kits for people getting Teacher Qualified
 - v) Providing training hours in our Region- New Cohort starts in Spring
- D) Home Child Care Network (Malia Owens)
 - i) Starting home child care licensing process with 8 New Home providers (***THANK YOU GOGO***)
 - ii) State Rates for Pay are going up in December for everyone!!
- E) Several Henderson County Home Day care providers have quit recently



3) Are there areas of the region where there are no community collaborations?

A) No

4) How does it connect with the broader regional community systems work?

A) Creating a NO Wrong Door Approach for the Region

B) IRIS is assisting in connecting agencies to improve NO wrong door approach.

5) What collaborations exist within the Human Services and where do they exist?

A) Youth Empowerment System (YES)

B) Recovery System of Care (ROSC)

C) Blue Ribbon Task Force

D) Drug Endangered Children's Alliance

E) Henderson County- Family Outreach Community Center, Stronghurst

F) Mercer County

i) Main Street Committee

ii) Better Together- Kyle McEwen

6) Are there any areas of our Region unserved?

A) Yes- Rural areas

7) What questions are unasked/unanswered about collaborations in our region?

A) How can we better connect all the collaborations in our Region?

8) What questions do we have for local collaboration leaders in your region?

A) Would ALL entities benefit from connecting through IRIS?

B) IRIS also allows entities to be referral partners- recommending families/individuals into a support system.

C) What other ideas/endeavors/opportunities could be created to promote a family-friendly Region?

9) What focus groups/interviews could be conducted to make sure ALL voices are being heard?

A) Special Needs Families

B) Foster Families

C) People who work non-traditional hours

D) Single Mothers

E) Single Fathers



- F) Families just over the CCAP limit
- G) Immigrant Families
 - i) Lingala/Swahili
 - ii) Chin (Check with Amy Freitag)
- H) Grandparents/extended families/Guardian Households
- I) Politicians
- J) Faith-based Community
- K) Mental Health Providers
- L) Business Owners

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: See Below

4:30pm: Next Steps (5 minutes)

Notes:

- Next Meeting will be Wednesday, December 7th, 2022
 - Topic: Priority Populations
- Regional Manager will:
 - Send out Minutes with links to:
 - Shared Google Folder with ACTION Council Minutes and Data: [Region 33 - Google Drive](#)
 - These items can be found in the Shared Google Folder above:
 - *Illinois Early Childhood Collaboration Guide
 - *PowerPoint created by Rhonda Hillyer:
 - *Optional Training for ACTION Council Members:
 - [Register for Foundational Trainings - Partner Plan Act](#)
 - Follow Up as needed with individual Council members
 - Begin Forming Focus Groups
 - Contact Amy Freitag, ESL Director for Monmouth Schools.
 - Discover languages of families underserved for potential Focus Groups.
- ACTION Council members will:
 - Mark December 7th on their Calendars
 - Complete Survey Monkey for ALL available times on December 7th
 - Make Additional recommendations for Focus Groups/ Interviews
 - Offer Comments/Questions/Suggestions/Gripes as needed

4:35pm: Meeting Adjourned