

## **MEETING NOTES**

## Region 35 Action Council Meeting

Location: Ottawa, IL

Date & Time: 10.27.2022 / 1:03 pm

Council Members present: Lynn Sheedy, Rich Faivre

Council Members absent: Melissa Mital, Kira Pfeffinger, Jackie Blackburn

Start Time: (1:03 pm to 1:13 pm) Welcome and Introduction review of Community

**Agreement** 

Notes: All approved norms / Introduction of Rich Faivre

Start Time: (1:13 pm to 2:00 pm ) Introduction to Birth to Five Illinois Councils and goals

Notes: Council animation video

- Jam board activity
- What is working in our community to support families and children in ECEC space?
  - 1. Starting the process to improve. Realizing there are issues.
  - 2. In Peru, all 4 year olds have access to public school not all 3 year olds
  - 3. In Peru, 3 year olds with needs have access to public school
  - 4. Summit Learning provides early education starting at 2 years
  - 5. ECEC works closely with other grant funded programs to help multiple needs of families
  - 6. Dist. 9 access to free preschool and daycare program
  - 7. Weekend backpack / Summer food programs
- Data share slide / Demographic Overview
- What opportunities do we have to enhance the support for families in ECEC space?
  - 1. Increased access to centers
  - 2. Increased financial assistance
  - 3. Access to qualified teaching staff
  - 4. Add forms of communication / information
- Regional Scan
- Monthly Data Review

## Start Time: ( 2:00 pm to 2:08 pm ) Conclusion

- Shared hyperlink with members Training Available to Action council members
- Members chose open communication over exit slip



• Cadence 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month