



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 39 Action Council Meeting

**Location:** Birth to Five Illinois Office & Hybrid (Zoom)

**Date & Time:** November 8, 2022, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Council Members present: Amy Steck, Kristine Hansen, Robert Luciano, Stephanie Strick, Tammy Robinson, Amy Farmer

Council Members absent: Sarah York, Cathy Lucas

#### **10:00 AM: Welcome, Introductions & Icebreaker (20 Min)**

**Notes:** Introductions were done with Birth to Five Illinois staff and all Council members. Icebreaker activity was done by stating their Name, Agency, and why each person chose to work in early childhood education or with their agency.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **Start Time: 10:20 AM Introduction to Birth to Five Illinois & Council Purpose (40 Min)**

**Notes:** The birth to Five Illinois video was shared. Introduced the Mission, Vision, Values & Goals to the Council. An in-depth discussion was delivered regarding the council's purpose and the roles of the Action Council needed to build a better road for our 0-5 children for them to be Kindergarten ready.

Did a Jamboard activity of each member's Big Dreams for the council (See Appendix A).



Did a second Jamboard activity to discuss the current potholes or current misalignment with early education in our Region today (See Appendix B).

**Decisions made:** We discussed what members or roles are still missing from the council and how we need to fill those gaps.

**Next Steps:** It was mentioned that behavioral health and medical community members are also being approached to join.

**Start Time: 11:20 AM Community Agreements, Meeting Roles, Self-Permission Document (15 Min)**

**Notes:** Community Agreements, Roles, and Self-Permission Documents were discussed.

Jamboard activity was done to define what makes each member feel valued, included, safe, and supported. (See Appendix C)

**Decisions made:** The community Agreement was partially completed.

**Next Steps:** Will come back together to finish the community agreement in full at our next meeting. The Self Permission document is to be emailed to each member that was virtually present.



**Start Time: 11:35 AM Meeting Schedule/Location & Hybrid Agenda (5 Min)**

Notes: Discussed meeting schedule moving forward.

Decisions made: Members are to email Heather with any specific dates/times that do not work with their schedule and their preference for virtual/hybrid meetings.

Next Steps: Heather to send a poll on when/how the meeting will be held moving forward via email.

**Start Time: 11:40 AM New Member Review (5 Min)**

Notes: Discussed that new members are still being added to the council. Action Council Interest Forms are being shut down on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.

Decisions made: All new members will be voted on by the current council via email.

Next Steps: Any new interest forms will be sent via email to the council for voting.

**Start Time: 11:45 AM Reflection (10 Min)**

Notes: Reflection by members was discussed. Members' reflections consisted of:

- Glad to get the chance to know everyone and their perspectives
- Finally with passionate people that are wanting to help families
- Excited to have a group that is excited about ECEC and the community
- Excited with the opportunity and passion that the group has and the energy to have a change in the community. Looking forward to it.
- Hopeful for change and action to be taken and the ability for EI to have a voice.
- Great opportunity to make a difference
- The ability to make change is a huge difference in this group compared to other councils/groups



Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

**Start Time: 11:55 AM Questions & Comments (5 Min)**

Notes: No other questions or comments

Decisions made: N/A

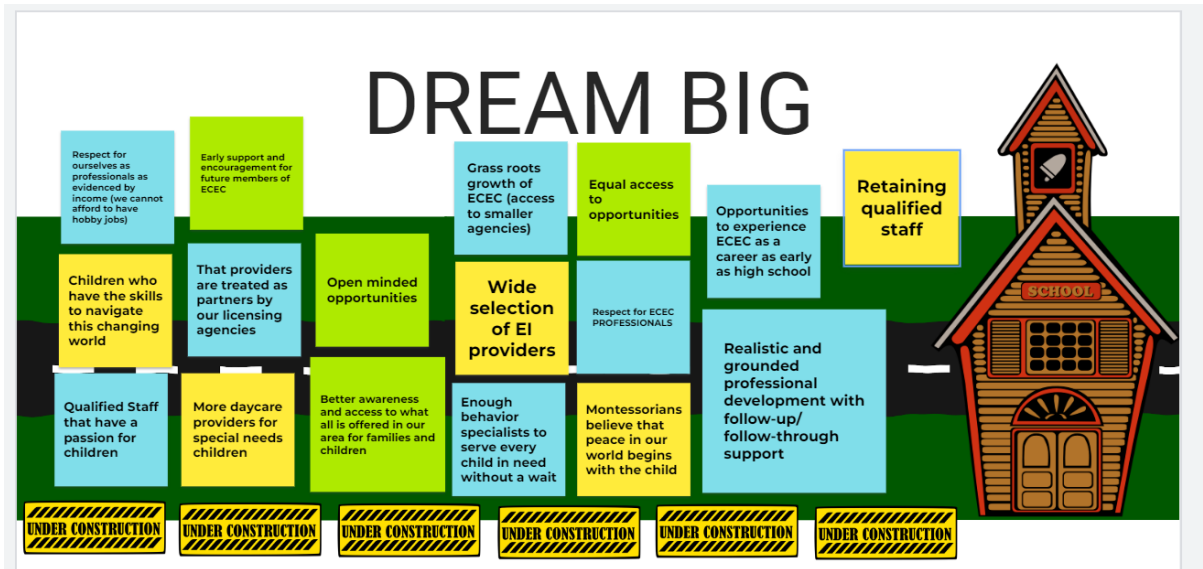
Next Steps: N/A

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Poll to be sent regarding meeting cadence
- New members will go through the council after November 16<sup>th</sup>
- If any member can think of someone who would like to join the Action or Family Council, they are to give them Heather's contact details

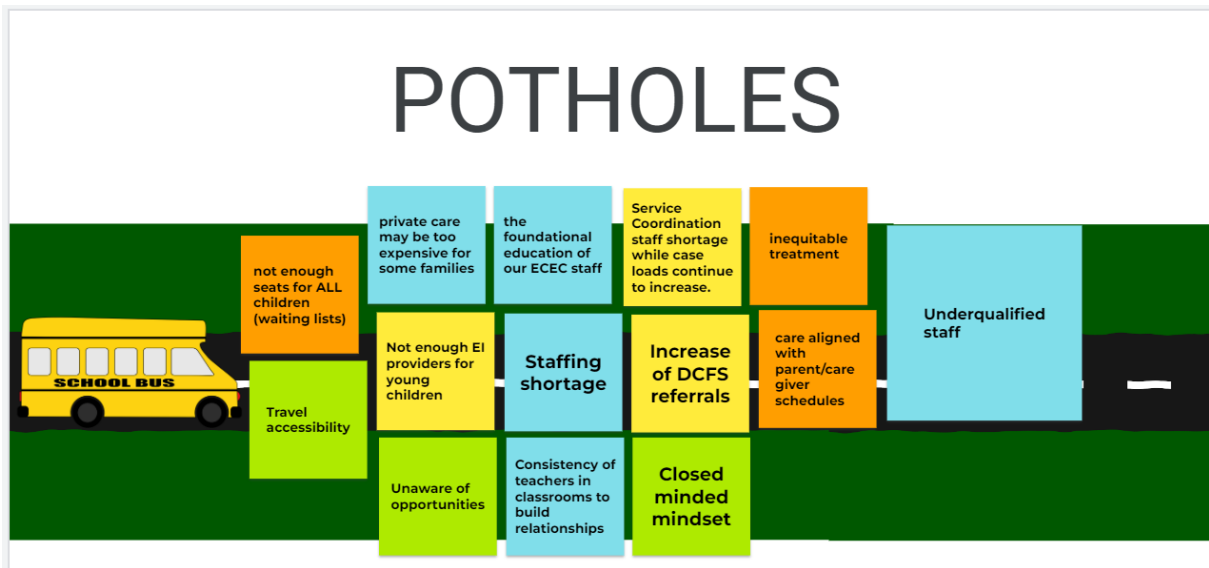
Appendix A

Dream Big Activity



Appendix B

Potholes Activity





## Appendix C

### Community Agreement Activity

What would make you feel valued and included in this group?

openness and willingness to learn new perspectives and ideas

Giving the opportunity for everyone to speak, addressing and asking if each individual has anything they would like to add.

Able to talk and express my point of view

valued- respecting that all members are valuable even when they differ from your own

to be able to have difficult conversations in a respectful manner

What would make you feel safe and supported in this group?

Giving the space for each person to be heard. Allowing someone to speak without being interrupted.

Respecting opinions of others

Being able to acknowledge our differences and grow for our differing experiences through open communication.

Being able to openly share our experiences

In order to meet the needs of our group so that everyone feels included, valued, safe, and supported, we commit to...

We will lean into the discomfort of being adult learners by staying aware of our competencies and our limitations.

We will strive to respect one another and put good will forth.

We will act with humility by seeking clarity and listening harder when we don't understand and/or disagree with something or someone.