



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 40 Action Council Meeting

**Location: Virtual and In person**

**Date & Time: 10/25/2022, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm**

Council Members present: Rebecca Shipley, Amy Hess, Marcia Schulte, Regina Lindsey, Stephanie Emery, Laura Sams

Council Members absent: Sarah Schmidt

#### **6:30 pm: Welcome and Introduction & Review Community Agreements (10 Minutes)**

Notes:

- Lindsey Coultas – Family & Community Engagement Specialist
- Additional Agreements – Step in/Step Back, Camera on, Be ready to Participate/Unmute

#### **6:40 pm: Birth to Five Illinois Council Diversity Descriptions; Two council members need to review; current interest forms (10 minutes)**

Notes:

- Any interested individuals should contact Keppen Clanton via email

#### **6:50 pm: Training Available to council Members (8 minutes)**

Notes:

- ECEC Overview, Racial Equity, Community Systems Development, Data, Parent Engagement
- These trainings will be available in November, 2022

#### **7:00 pm: Mr. Rogers Testifies @ Senate Video and Focused Conversation (10 minutes)**

Notes:

Objective - What is a work phrase that stood out to you?

- Trust, family
- Helping children with feelings.
- What are we teaching our children.



Objective - What is an image you saw in the video:

- Children making good decision.
- Mr. Rogers puppets.

Reflective – What are you reminded of?

- A pre-K classroom and children getting angry.
- How some of the same ideas are evident today.
- How things have gotten so much worse since Mr. Rogers was alive.

Reflective – What moments gave you pause?

- The thought process that went along with thinking about how complex our world can seem, when he breaks it down so simple.
- Where funding is applied.
- The cost of cartoons.
- It's a shame that public television programs like Mr. Rogers and Sesame Street had to beg for funding.

Reflective – Where did you find yourself drawn in?

- It made me think of my own children and to make sure sharing feelings is a comfortable topic.

Interpretive – What is a new insight that has emerged for you from these video/conversations:

- Where are the people like Mr. Rogers now?
- How unaware they were.

Interpretive – What is the value of this testimony for your work or life?

- Teaching young children, is very important to our future.
- Maybe to listen to understand what programs may be lacking in the area he speaks of, and how we could help to make sure children are able to share feelings.
- Be more like Mr. Rogers advocate for children.

Decisional – Who would you share this video with?

- Coworkers, Families, Administrative Staff, Parents

Decisional – What is something you are inspired to do after this video?

- Make sure that my students know they can trust me.



- Building relationships
- Share this video and the importance of social emotional learning.
- Look for Mr. Rogers quotes to share with staff.

### **7:10 pm: Team Building: County and Region Demographics (45 minutes)**

#### **Greene County Data Questions**

Notes: What do you notice about the location of different racial/ethnic families?

Decision Made: Location of early childhood providers', primarily white, non-Hispanic; 4 childcare homes, 2 pre-schools for all, 1 head start center, and 1 licensed childcare center.

Notes: Are the early childcare providers near areas of high poverty?

Decision Made: Yes, the providers are near the high poverty areas.

#### **Jersey County Data Questions**

Notes: What do you notice about the location of different racial/ethnic families?

Location of early childhood providers?

Decision Made: In Jersey county the majority is white with a very small Hispanic population. Small population of 2 or more races.

The one licensed childcare center is in the center of the county. There are 3 head start located in the central part of the county.

Notes: Are the early childcare providers near areas of high poverty? Close to transportation? Close to where children live?

Decision made: We just need more information about the location of the centers.

#### **Calhoun County Data Questions**

N/A

#### **Macoupin County Data Questions**

N/A

### **7:55 pm: Wrap-up and Review Questions (5 minutes)**

What makes you feel hopeful and or skeptical?

Notes:

- It's hopeful that here seems to be funding available.



- Hopeful because we are looking at the issues.
- Skeptical because of teacher turnover and poverty levels.
- Hopeful: This project is finally moving.
- Hopeful: The state is allowing us to all have a voice
- Skeptical: Pay disparity for childcare workers is a daunting problem.
- Skeptical due to watching staff turnover due to lack of being able to give raises as we require higher education requirement.
- I feel hopeful that more children will be coming of age to receive services and that the state is willing to provide more money to prepare the young children to be successful.

Next Council Meeting will be 6:30 pm. November 8, 2022.