



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 44 Action Council Meeting

**Location:** Virtual Via Zoom

**Date & Time:** 10/13/2022, 11am-1pm

Council Members present: Donna Emmons, Jamee Potash, Elyse Serekya, Kim Lamz  
Council Members absent: Diana Hartmann, Susan Beckman

#### **11:00 Welcome & Introductions (10 minutes)**

Notes: N/A

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **11:10 Review of Community Agreements (15 minutes)**

Notes: Finalized Community Agreements include: 1. Chocolate/ Take care of yourself, 2. Courtesy of Others, 3. Participation, 4. Respect

Decisions made: Group agreed to finalized Community Agreements

Next Steps: N/A

#### **11:25 Demographics of McHenry County (35 minutes)**

Notes: Reviewed data related to families with children under 6 in McHenry County, including race, ethnicity, language, income, poverty, transportation, location of families and providers

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: Continue to review the data individually and share the information with others to gain additional input and insight.

#### **12:00 Break (10 minutes)**

#### **12:10 Discussion about Demographic Data (30 minutes)**

Notes: Action Council Members discussed and made notes about the following questions:

1. What does this information tell us about our region?
2. What do you notice about the locations of different racial/ethnic families, early childcare providers, etc.?



3. Are there any early childcare providers missing from the list/map? Are there early childcare providers listed which are no longer open?
4. Are the early childcare providers near areas of high poverty, close to public transportation (if available), close to where children live, etc.?
5. What impact did Covid have on early childcare providers in the region?
6. What information is missing, or would be helpful to better understand this data?
7. What is the current FPL, FPL 100%, FPL 200%? Can families within those FPLs afford childcare in our region?
8. Why is it important to understand the demographics of our region?

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: Action Council Members will continue to add comments and questions to the shared Padlet, including input about each of the questions above.

**12:40 Check-Out and Share-Out (10 minutes)**

Notes: Jamee reminded the group about the upcoming meeting with Rep. Ness at Friendship House.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Next Meeting: 10/27/2022, 11am-1pm, In-Person (if possible) and Virtual