



MEETING NOTES

Region 44 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: 10/27/22 11:00am-1:00pm

Council Members present: Kim Lamz, Diana Hartmann, Elyse Sereyka, Jamee Potash, Susan Beckman

Council Members absent: Donna Emmons

11:00 Welcome & Review of Community Expectations (5 minutes)

Notes: Diana Hartmann- Regional Superintendent of Schools

Donna Emmons- Associate Head Start State Collaboration Director

Elyse Sereyka- Program Manager HUG (Helping Us Grow)

Jamee Potash- Assistant Director Friendship House

Susan Beckman- Program Manager Child & Family Connections

Kris Cozzi- Family & Community Engagement Specialist Birth to Five Illinois

Samantha Marcellis- Regional Council Manager Birth to Five Illinois

Kerri Ruddy-Regional Administrative Support Birth to Five Illinois

Review of expectations (Chocolate, Participation, Courtesy, and Respect)

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

11:05 Explanation of Upcoming Selection Sub-Committee Meeting (10 minutes)

Notes: Interest Forms for Action Council closing 10/31/22 -- Received 4 more to review prior to Nov. 10 meeting

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Review applications prior to 11/10/22 meeting

11:15 Demographics Review and Questions from Previous Meeting (15 minutes)

Notes: Reviewed Discussion Questions from Previous Meeting and Added to Padlet

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Action Council Members will continue to add thoughts and answers to the Padlet, including bringing the questions to others from their respective agencies



11:30 Slot Gap Data (15 minutes)

Notes: Samantha Marcellis presented statistics on available slots in Region 44 and the comparison to numbers of children and families; Statistics included information about Head Start, Prevention Initiative, Preschool for All, Home-Based Child Care, Center-Based Child Care, and other services for children 0-5

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Action Council Members will continue to review and discuss the data

11:45am Discussion about Slot Gap (45 minutes)

Notes: Action Council members discussed the following questions about the Slot Gap and ideas and notes were recorded on a shared Jamboard.

1. What are possible drivers of the gap in care in the region?
2. What data is missing, that would be helpful to have in order to make a better analysis of the slot gap?
3. What other indicators should be considered alongside the slot gap?

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Action Council Members will return to the Jamboard before next meeting to brainstorm answers to the question: Is there anything from the discussion last time that can contribute to the understanding of the slot gap in this region?; Action Council Members are asked to bring answers and perspectives from others in their workplace and circles

12:30 Check-Out and Share-Out (10 minutes)

Notes: Kris Cozzi of Birth to Five Illinois shared about upcoming Trunk or Treat events and ongoing recruitment for Family Council; Jamee Potash of Friendship House shared about the meeting with Rep. Suzanne Ness and how well it went. They plan to repeat the meeting quarterly.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Next meeting 11/10/22, 11:00am-1:00pm, Virtual