



MEETING NOTES

Region 48 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: November 30, 2022, 10:30am-12:30pm

Council Members present: Laura Costic, Kelly Gibler, Shannon Dault, Jenna Wiesner, Andrianna Smyrniotis, Katie Cobb, Lisa Weaver, Erin Stout, Kimberly Cary,

Council Members absent: Angela Green, Michael Murphy, Nikita Newell, Tiera Hannah

Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Community Agreements

Notes: Council members and facilitators introduced themselves. Reviewed the Community Agreements and had no amendments.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Action Council Purpose and Member Expectations

Notes: Reviewed the purpose and expectations of the Action Council for those attending for the first time.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Roles Represented and New Member Selection

Notes: Educated the Council on the wide range of representation in the Action Council. Asked the Council for 2-3 volunteers needed to review Action Council submissions, with identifying information redacted, to make a selection recommendation.

Decisions made: Three Council Members volunteered.

Next Steps: Volunteers will review the submissions and make a recommendation.

Resources

Notes: Provided information about seven trainings available to the Action Council from Illinois Action for Children at Partnerplanact.org, which are foundational topics relevant to the work of the Action Council. The Action Council has a Google Drive that provides access to meeting agendas and minutes, data shared ahead of meetings when possible, and other resources provided, such as the Community Agreements



document and the Birth to Five Illinois Mission, Vision, and Values. IECAM was also discussed as a resource of data and maps.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Small Group Breakouts/Discussion

Notes: Discussion questions about what our region offers and a link to a Jamboard were provided to the Council members. Break-out groups were given 15 minutes to work in the Jamboard. After 15 minutes, the groups were brought back and one person from each group presented their responses.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Demographic Data Presentation and Discussion

Notes: Data discussed was geared toward demographics, including race, poverty level, and locations of ECEC programs within Region 48 boundaries. Some of the data reviewed is over the course of three years: 2018, 2019, and 2020, to show trends. After being presented the demographics data, the Council members were asked questions to open the floor for thoughts and discussion.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Open for Additional Questions

Notes: The Action Council was asked if they had any questions, and asked how they are feeling about the information.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Wrap-Up

Notes: Reminder of the next meeting.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Set up two meetings per month starting in January, possibly using a Doodle Poll to determine availability.

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Follow-up/Next Steps: Next meeting: Friday, December 16, 9:00am-11:00am.