



MEETING NOTES

Region 50 Action Council Meeting

Location: St. Clair Regional Office

Date & Time: 10/11/22, 9:00am-11:00am

Council Members present: Sheri Kraus, Gina Ruther, Gina Harding, Janice Moenster, Jen Knepper, Chinita King, Jessica Seger, Tamara Vaughn Walker
Staff: Stephanie Herling, Shameka Brown, Tabitha Luczak

9:00am Welcome & Introductions & Review of Community Agreements (40 min)

Notes:

- Discussion over the perspectives and values members bring to the work.

Decisions made: Council Members will pick the title that best represents their role while working on the Council. The member's name, title, and role will be shared on the regional page online.

Next Steps: Council Members will complete the survey before the next meeting.

9:40am Mission, Vision, and Values with a review of Expectations (5 min)

Notes:

- Discussion on how many members are currently seated on the council.
- Only have one more opportunity to fill seats on the council for this year's Regional Scan work.

Decisions made: Council Members will share the interest form with stakeholders in the community that might represent roles not currently represented.

Next Steps: Review interest forms with the selection committee to fill vacancies on our Action Council with a diverse representation.

9:45am Introduction to Birth to Five Illinois Council Goals (10 min)

Notes:

- Walked through files on Google Share Drive and discussed the workload that will be carried out in the two meetings a month.



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- Shared and discuss the Regional Scan Template that the Action Council will work to complete.
- Questions have been added to the meeting outline to help Action Council members think about the data as we head into each meeting.

Decisions made: The Birth to Five team will continue to add data questions for the Action Council members to think about as they review prior to the meetings. The Birth to Five team will also include any links to the appropriate documents for review prior to the meetings.

Next Steps: Regional Scan Template will be updated with roles for each member based on the responses in the survey.

9:55am Training Available to Council Members (5 min)

Notes:

- Birth to Five Illinois has contracted with Illinois Action for Children to provide training for our staff around Community Collaboration.

Decisions made: Council members will decide which training to complete asynchronously to support the work.

Next Steps: E-mails will go out to the Action Council when the training is made available.

10:00am Small Group-St. Clair County Demographics (30 min)

Notes:

- Two groups were created: one on Zoom and one in person
- Each group looked at the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) list of options searching for missing programs or closed programs.

Decisions made: Duplicates were noticed between different reporting systems and missing programs were captured for further investigation.

Next Steps: Combine lists and remove duplicated programs. Examine and reach out to ECEC programs in the county that may be missing from the collective list.

10:30am Large Group-Walk thru Asset Map data (20 min)

Notes:

- Discussion around Licensed Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Providers on the asset maps and how the color and size represents the type of program and the number of children the programs can provide care for.
- Curiosity around if we are collecting data on licensed providers who provide inclusive services are being captured. If they are providing inclusive services what is the capacity of these services?
- Based on the asset map an impression was drawn that there is more availability for ECEC services in the more populated areas. The southern and eastern portion of the county does not have many providers. The northwestern portion has more licensed and publicly funded programs.
- Another observation from the asset map stated that the further out from the metropolitan area the fewer services. The rural areas seem to need more

services due to the high percentage of children falling into 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

- Discussion on the helpfulness of the asset data being color coded and layered.

Decisions made: The asset map is a great visual. Despite the fact areas may appear oversaturated, Action Council members shared families are still struggling with little/no access due to the struggle with inconvenient locations, lack of transportation, or lack of funds to pay tuition.

Next Steps: Look at the map and data before the next meeting.

10:50am Questions (10 min)

Notes:

- Review data and questions from today.
- Information will be added to the Google Drive folder.

Decisions made: Members will check Google Drive for updates between meetings.

Next Steps: The Birth to Five staff will follow up with direct links to the data for review.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Birth to Five staff will create a spreadsheet using all the different ECEC databases.
- Council Members will complete the survey before the next meeting
- Review interest forms with the selection committee to fill vacancies on our Action Council with a diverse representation.
- Regional Scan Template will be updated with roles for each member based on the responses in the survey.
- E-mails will go out to the Action Council when the training is made available.
- Combine lists and remove duplicated programs. Examine and reach out to ECEC programs in the county that may be missing from the collective list.
- Look at the map and data before the next meeting.