



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 51 Action Council Meeting

**Location:** Springfield, Illinois

**Date & Time:** November 8th, 2022 from 5:30-7:00 pm

**Council Members present:** Ya'shika Reed, Terrance Jordan, Lindsay Sleade, Wendy Williams, Lingling Liu, Saraya Curry, Savannah Wilken, Apryl Edwards, Jamar Scott, Laurie Rhodes, Connie Shugart, LeAnn Bell, Kayla Miller

**Council Members absent:** Lori Harrison, Tracie Sampson, Mitch Baker, Jill Larson, Christine Craddock, Sandra Cole, Kendra Day, Violet Wiker.

#### **5:30pm: Welcome & Introduction of Region 51 Team (5 minutes)**

Notes: Ashley welcomed everyone to our first meeting. Ashley, Amanda and Taylour introduced themselves to the council and explained their roles for Birth to Five Illinois and their roles for the Action Council.

Decisions made: n/a

Next Steps: n/a

#### **5:35pm: Council Introductions & Icebreaker Activity (10 minutes)**

Notes: The council went around the room and introduced themselves - Provided their full name, who they are representing, county they serve, and they named something no one knows about them.

Decisions made: n/a

Next Steps: n/a

#### **5:45pm: Introduction to Birth to Five Illinois, Council Purpose & Member Expectations (15 minutes)**

Notes: Ashley presented a powerpoint of Birth to Five Illinois which included a short clip of Birth to Five Illinois and the purpose of the Action Councils. Questions were asked and answered.

Decisions made: n/a

Next Steps: n/a

#### **6:00-6:20pm: Community Agreements/Sign Photo Waiver (20 minutes)**

Notes: Region 51's FACE, Amanda, scribed the council's shared agreements on a Post-it Sheet for the Council to see. Ashley collected the council's photo consent forms.



Decisions made: Judgment free zone, assume positive intent, assume accountability, safe space, "Vegas rule" (what is said in our meetings, stays in our meetings), be intentional, be mindful of emotions, be open to conversations, everyone has a voice, start and end on time, be fully present and engaged.

Next Steps: We can add to this at our next meeting in December for those who were not present when we review.

**6:20: Future Meetings Schedule, Location & Hybrid discussion & Wrap Up Activity - (40 minutes)**

Notes: Ashley went over future Action Council Meeting survey responses. Asked how everyone felt about going hybrid. Questions asked and answered. Ashley asked each member to write on a post-it note, *One thing you dislike about our Early Childhood and Care System* and stick it to the poster. These were read out loud by Ashley and it was asked to acknowledge our State and Region's issues with the ECEC system but this is why the Action Council is here to help make changes. Ashley thanked them for committing to this work and ended the meeting.

Decisions made: A doodle poll

Next Steps: Send out a doodle poll with dates & times to see what works best for everyone.

Follow-up/Next Steps: After reviewing poll responses, set a time and date for the future Action Council meetings.