



MEETING NOTES

Region 54 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday November 10, 2022 11:30 AM

Council Members present: Cindy Montgomery, Cynthia Smith, Elizabeth Cannon, Lisa Abdelghani, Lisa Langellier, Mary Surprenant, Mia Harrier, Niah Hamilton, Odette Hyatt-Watson, Paige Rogge, and Tim Dudley

Council Members absent: Michael Marron, Tamara L Red, and Tamera Forthenberry

11:30 AM: Welcome & Introductions & Review of Community Agreements (10 minutes)

Notes: Reviewed the community guidelines that was decided at the first council meeting.

11:40 AM: Birth to Five Illinois Council Diversity Descriptions; Two council members needed to review; current interest forms (10 Minutes)

Notes: Tammy is planning to touch base with early next week for review members.

Next Steps: Contact and verify when they can be reviewed.

11:50 AM: Training Available to Council Members (10 Minutes)

Notes: Trainings were emailed to all council members prior to the meeting. Trainings were mentioned in meetings that they were available to call council members in the shared google folder.

Decisions made: Council members decide if they wish to review on their own time.

12:00 PM: Team Building: County & Region Demographics (50 Minutes)

Notes: Members participated in an icebreaker activity. Introduce themselves, answer "If you celebrate holidays, what is your favorite and why?". County and Region



demographics were introduced via PowerPoint. Slides included multiple stats and images regarding data.

- Members voiced opinions on the cost of childcare from both provider and parent views.
- “We need to find a balance (of pay) that it make it worth it for both the provider and parent”
- “Parents getting new jobs cannot afford an up front daycare payment so they can begin to work.”
- “Third shift parents had childcare issues because of operation hours”
- “Data showing a constant decline since 2018” (regarding family demographics)

Next Steps: research member questions:

- What about 2021 and 2022 data?
 - Data not available currently.
- Hardships on the family caused by the pandemic but what else?
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- What daycares are open in our region?
 - Scheduled to be addressed in next meeting.

12:50 PM: Review work for the next meeting and set December meeting day. (10 Minutes)

Notes: Reviews slot gap information. Council members were given three dates and were asked to vote on the best day for them. Once decided as a whole, time was set.

Decisions made: Next Action council meeting is December 13, 2022 11:30 AM

Next Steps: Send out google shared document for future thoughts and questions to be reviewed at next meeting.