



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 56 Action Council Meeting

**Location:** 2455 Glenwood Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

**Date & Time:** November 9, 2022 @ 11:00am-1:00pm

#### Council Members Present:

- Amy Martin
- Cherita Tousson-Bowens (Zoom)
- Ellise Boyd-Johnson
- Kathy Fudge-White
- Paula Kennedy
- Elizabeth Kaufman
- Debrah Clark

#### Council Members Absent:

- N/A

#### **Welcome, Introductions, and Icebreaker Activity**

**Notes:** After welcoming, snacks, drinks, and Photo Release Waiver, Region 56 Team introduced themselves. Keven asked Action Council members to introduce themselves, brief backgrounds, and reasons for joining the council. Keven also mentioned we will need two volunteers to help pick new members. For icebreaker activity, members were asked to do Two Truths and a Lie. The group all participated in the icebreaker activity.

**Decisions made:** Two council members volunteered to review new interest forms. All photo release forms completed.

**Next Steps:** Follow up conversations/meetings will take place to explain the selection process of new members with both volunteers.

#### **Introduction to Birth to Five Illinois, Overview**

**Notes:** Keven showed the video of Birth to Five Illinois, explained video and binders handed out to council members. Keven gave a short overview of Birth to Five's purpose of council and explained the current funding system with a few examples. Keven explained the statewide mechanism and building a statewide regional and



community system. Keven explained the expectations of the council and the work moving forward. All agreed and are very eager to be part of the council.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **Community Agreements**

**Notes:** Madalyn shared a poster board with the definition, “Community Agreements are written agreements between two entities that have the same interests in meeting the needs of the eligible population being served,” and asked the council members to say in a few words what stands out the most to them and why. The council shared their ideas and agreed upon a few of the power point agreements together.

**Decisions made:** Council Members agreed upon the community agreements listed on the power point as well as added to remember the virtual audience as well.

**Next Steps:** The agreements will be added to all binders and reviewed prior to each meeting to ensure group understanding. Changes will be made to the agreements as needed and agreed upon as a group.

### **Meeting Schedule Discussion**

**Notes:** Keven asked the Council how we would like to do the meetings moving forward with the goal of meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month while avoiding community conflicts to ensure full participation and engagement. The Council agreed that we would take a poll as a group for the next meeting moving forward and to allow time for each member to review both personal and professional calendars while clearing dates as needed.

**Decisions made:** We will have the next meeting at the same location, around the same time, both in person and virtually, and need to take a poll as a group for the next meeting.

**Next Steps:** Keven will send out an email to have a poll taken for next meeting and all reoccurring meetings moving forward.



**Open for Additional Questions and Closing**

Notes: No additional questions were asked.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Next Meeting: TBD

Follow-up/Next Steps: N/A