



MEETING NOTES

Region 40 Action Council Meeting

Location: Hybrid Via Zoom and Yonder Works, 500 North Main St. Carrollton, IL 62016

Date & Time: January 10, 2023, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Council Members present: Kelsey Arnold, Lisa Kallal, Marcia Shulte, Sarah Schmidt, Amber Nash, Regina Lindsey, Amanda Goben, Molly Peters, Cindy Rice, Marla Willard, Jennifer Lubrant, Kristine Stanley, Stephanie Emery

Council Members Absent: Jackie Vandoren, Amy Hess, Laura Sams, Lisa Goode

6: 30 pm: Welcome Introductions & Review of Community Agreements, New Action Council Members Seated (15 min)

Notes:

- Birth to Five Staff: Keppen Clanton – Regional Council Manager, Lindsey Coultas – Family & Community Engagement Specialist, Lisa Wojcik – Administrative Support
- Agreements for an effective meeting space were reviewed.

Decisions made:

- Action Council agreed with current Community Agreements and additional agreements need to be added.

Next Steps:

- Action Council members can email staff if they would like to add agreements and we will discuss it in the next meeting.

6:45 pm: Review Birth to Five Illinois Action Council Goals, Regional Scan & Family Council Update (15 mins)

Notes:

- Review Birth to Five Illinois Action and Family Council goals.
- Explain the Regional Scan overview.
- Data resource tools and on-demand foundational training we shared.

Decisions made:

- The Action Council can pose questions or request information from the Family Council, and we will report back on the findings.

Next Steps:



- Data resources and training can be used between meetings to help us with our work.

7:00 pm: Slot Gap Data Review and Discussion (60 min)

Notes:

- Presented Region 40 Slot Gap data and discussed the definition of Slot Gap.
- Identified Child Care Capacity Slot Gap and Discussed the gap between the total number of children and childcare slots.
- Action Council took the time to review our slot gap discussions.
- What do you notice about the location of different racial/ethnicity of families in our region?

Decisions made:

- Waiting lists at centers do not completely represent this gap due to childcare not being accessible, income, transportation, and schedule conflicts with half days.
- When looking at our Region 40 slot gap, members were concerned with the lack of accessibility, and kindergarten readiness, and the family's knowledge of what is available for our region.
- In-home services are not feasible because of a lack of services.

Next Steps:

- Ask the Family Council what families need to be able to participate in programs.
- Find families to represent all populations.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- The next Action Council meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2023, from 6:30 pm. – 8:00 pm.
- If there are any questions that we would like to ask the Family Council, please email those to the Region 40 staff.