



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 24 Family Council Meeting

**Location: Hybrid: Zoom & 1304 Sunset Ave. Suite B, Yorkville, IL 60560**

**Date & Time: 2/21/23, 6:00pm to 8:00pm**

Council Members present: Kennedy Sparks, Patti Blahetka, Rolando Paramo, Nikki Pehlke, Michelle Strom

Council Members Absent: Shannon Meyer, Omar Meza, Nicole Soloff

#### **6:00 pm-6:15 pm: Introductions/Ice Breaker (20 Minutes)**

#### **6:20 pm-6:50 pm: Kendall County 2-1-1 Presentation /Priority Populations Activity (30 min)**

Notes: The Family Council was given a detailed overview of what priority populations are defined as and examples of those that are present in our region. The council was split into groups where they discussed potential barriers and statistics of priority populations from the lens of the community.

#### **6:50 pm-7:50 pm: Priority Populations (1 hour)**

After break-out groups, the group came back together to discuss the supports/ systems that are in place in our region for priority populations and discussed in depth the barriers associated with priority populations.

Key takeaways:

- COVID contributed to many issues in the region such as homelessness, unemployment increase, loss of child care subsidies due to remote jobs

- Rental and mortgage assistance was available through the state if residents qualified, the state enabled mortgage companies to freeze foreclosures temporarily

- Stimulus checks helped families

- The Pandemic EBT for children regardless of income qualifications was beneficial as it allowed families to attain extra income for food, for their school-aged children.

- The supports that were put in place during the heart of the pandemic should have remained in place as the supports didn't bring lasting sustainability to the region- Many refugee/migrant/immigrant systems of support are faith based because they are trusting in the

community so there isn't a real tracking system in place where they can obtain many services that are available to them

**7:50 pm- 8:00 pm: Family Council Logistics, Foundational Trainings (10 mins)**


- Answered questions and addressed concerns about Family Council logistics and other information discussed

Next Meeting: Hybrid

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm





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