



MEETING NOTES

Region 44 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 1/10/2023, 5:00-7:00pm

Council Members present: Alan Diaz, Wonder Lake; Jamie Herron, Richmond; Thalia Ruiz-Garcia, Harvard; Ann Lindstrom, Crystal Lake; Sue Schiel, Crystal Lake; Shannon Lampe, Woodstock; Brittany
Council Members absent: Nicolle Crank, Woodstock;

5:00pm Welcome and Introductions & Ice Breaker (15 minutes)

Notes: Council introduced themselves and shared what each wanted to work on this year professionally or personally. We had a couple new council members join us this meeting.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:15pm Review of Community Agreements (10 minutes)

Notes: Regional Council Manager reviewed community agreements. We went over how the meeting is processed, recorded, and how quotes can be used. Rules the group agreed on include the following:

1. Active Listening
2. Stay calm and not be reactive
3. Staying on task/time management
4. Respect each other

We also reviewed how to access meeting minutes on our website.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:25pm Demographics of McHenry County (40 minutes)

Notes: We showed council members the Google access drive. Reviewed public vs private files. Regional Report Reviewed: IACAM was created by University of IL. It was explained how to research regional reports specific to Birth to Five and within our region 44. It was explained that these reports follow the Regional Office of Education



and may not be within exact county boundaries. Samples of different breakdowns were explored.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: Regional Council Manager will investigate why the numbers changed dramatically at or below federal poverty line.

6:05pm Break (10 minutes)

6:15pm Discussion about Demographic Data (40 minutes)

Notes: Data was collected from council members and added to joint Jamboard.

Questions discussed were the following:

1. What is the region's community demographic landscape vs overall Illinois demographics? (Rural? Urban? Suburban? Businesses and organizations? Schools? Ages? Poverty? Races? Languages spoken? Transportation?)
2. Why is it important to include this information in the Scan? (Stereotypes about our community? What information gets missed? What do others from outside the region need to know?)
3. What do you notice about the locations of Early Childhood providers in our region? (Relationship to poverty, transportation, populations?)

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: Council members can look at asset map for Lake County to compare to McHenry County if interested.

6:55pm Information about IAFC trainings (5 minutes)

Notes: Council was informed of the various trainings available to them.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: Please look at trainings from Illinois Action for Children. Kris will email the council members the link for the trainings.

7:00pm Check-Out and Share-Out (5 minutes)

Notes: Group shared how each was feeling at the end of the meeting. Samantha informed the group she will be changing positions and working for another agency.

Decisions: N/A



Next Steps: N/A

Next meeting: 1/24/23, 5:00-7:00pm, In-Person and Virtual