



MEETING NOTES

Region 44 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 1/24/2023, 5:00-7:00pm

Council Members present: Alan Diaz, Wonder Lake; Jamie Herron, Richmond; Thalia Ruiz-Garcia, Harvard; Shannon Lampe, Woodstock; Brittany Henricks,

Council Members absent: Nicolle Crank, Woodstock; Ann Lindstrom, Crystal Lake; Sue Schiel, Crystal Lake;

5:00pm Welcome and review of Community Expectations (5 minutes)

Notes: We introduced David Quiroz and explained why he was in attendance. We reviewed Community Expectations which include the following:

1. Respect
2. Active Listening
3. Stay Calm and try not to be reactive
4. Stay on Task
5. Stay open to new ideas and learning new things

Decisions: All members in attendance agreed to the above expectations.

Next Steps: N/A

5:05pm Reminder: Trainings from Illinois Action for children (IAFC) (10 minutes)

Notes: The first five trainings are recommended and the last two if interested. We encouraged the members to watch as many trainings as their time allows.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: The link will be sent out in an email to all council members.

5:15pm Introductions and Ice Breaker (15 minutes)

Notes: David introduced himself again and his role at Birth to Five IL. Council members introduced themselves and shared which cartoon/movie character would you be if you could pick one.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



5:30pm Priority Populations Data (50 minutes)

Notes: We reviewed the definition of Priority Populations. Within that definition are the populations that meet the criteria. These definitions and groups are determined by the state of IL. Our purpose is to find people who we haven't talked to before and finding out new information to serve everyone.

Some examples of Priority Populations include:

1. Children of teen parents
2. Children experiencing homelessness
3. Children and families in poverty or deep poverty (low income at or below 100-50% of FPL)
4. Children with disabilities
5. Children of migrant or seasonal workers
6. Families with lower education, families that face barriers based on culture, language and religion
7. Primary care giver who has a disability
8. Children with refugee or asylee status
9. Children in families who face barriers due to immigration status

Family Council members recognized some data is not captured or collected in the state of IL. Ex: parents with disabilities, undocumented residents and single parents. During the meeting we looked at a variety of populations/races/incomes on the map.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

6:25pm Break (5 minutes)

6:30pm Priority Populations Discussion (25 minutes)

Notes: The concern of safety and security of children who have limited speech or are non-verbal was brought up by a Family Council member. Can the schools have cameras in the classrooms? Trying to find ways to communicate and stay accessible to the staff. Council members shared ideas about the following questions and those were placed on a community Jamboard:



1. What does this information tell us about our region?
2. What do you notice about the location of different racial/ethnic families, location of early childcare providers, priority populations, etc.?
3. What other information has been gathered about priority populations from talking with organizations and agencies?
4. What data is missing or unavailable on these priority populations?
5. Are there programs in place to support migrant, immigrant, refugee families? If so, what are those? Are they located in a place that can easily reach these families/communities?
6. COVID contributed to higher rates of unemployment and increased the number of people experiencing homelessness. What impact did it have on families in our Region? What services/supports were implemented to help those impacted? Have those services/supports remained in place?
7. What data from previous meetings can clarify/understand data presented during this meeting?
8. What information is missing, or would be helpful to better understand this data?
9. What does the data tell us about what our Region might need in the future?
10. What specific questions should we be asking in Focus Groups targeted to Priority Populations and the staff that serve them?

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: Kris will email council members the links for Priority Population list, ICAM, foundational trainings, Jamboard, Birth to Five Animation meeting.

6:55pm Check-Out and Share-Out (5 minutes)

Notes: Kris shared the People in Need Forum happening this weekend 1/28/23 from 8:30-1:00pm at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake, IL.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Next meeting: 2/7/23, 5:00-7:00pm, In-Person and Virtual

