

Meeting Notes

Region 44 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 2/7/23 5:00-7:00pm

Council members present: Brittany Henricks, Shannon Lampe, Alan Diaz, Jamie Herron, Ann Lindstrom

Council members absent: Thalia Garcia

5:00 Welcome & Review of Community Expectations (5 minutes)

Facilitator: Kris Cozzi

Notes: Reviewed community expectations and answered the ice breaker question of “If you could go back in time or forward which would you choose and why.”

Decisions: All members in attendance agreed to expectations and participated in ice breaker activity.

Next Steps: N/A

5:05 Priority Populations Review (15 minutes)

Notes: Reviewed Priority Populations and the various categories we want to work with. Finished up the Jamboard questions from two weeks ago:

1. What data from previous meetings can clarify/understand data presented during this meeting?
2. What information is missing or would be helpful to better understand this data?
3. What does the data tell us about what our region might need in the future?
4. 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: N/A

5:20 ECEC Programs and Slot Gap (50 minutes)

Notes:

1. We reviewed the information on what programs are available and who is eligible.
2. We looked at a website with the different categories including funding, programs, and delivery method. (dpi.uillinois.edu/applied-research)
3. We looked at definitions of different daycares including licensed exempt care, licensed home care, licensed center-based care, Public and Private part-day

preschool, Head Start, Preschool for All, Preschool for All Expansion (full day).
The Council was asked what programs their children use.

4. The Illinois Report Card and IECAM websites were shared and viewed by the council to talk more about data around priority populations exist.
5. We looked at the publicly funded early childhood education and care slot gaps by ages 0-2 and 3-5.
6. We reviewed the number of sites and capacity by publicly funded program types in McHenry County

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: Kris will email council members the websites with the breakdown of ages/eligibility and the different licensed daycares in the county. She will also send the links for Illinois Report Card website and IECAM.

6:15 Break

6:20 ECEC Programs and Slot Gaps Discussion (30 minutes)

Notes: The following questions were put on a Jamboard and answers were placed on the board for everyone to access later if needed.

1. What is the regions' current Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) landscape?
2. What insights about the ECEC landscape stand out?
3. What does the data tell us about what our region might need in the future?
4. Have you had a child who had to sit on the waitlist or know someone who has?
How limited are the slots and what are the guidelines for these slots? Ex: special needs, income, etc.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

6:50 Check-Out and Share-Out (10 minutes)

Notes: No news to share tonight

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Upcoming Meetings:

2/21/23 5:00-7:00pm; Hybrid