



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 44 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 4/18/2023, 5:00-7:00pm

**Council Members present: Jamie Herron, Thalia Ruiz-Garcia, Shannon Lampe, Ann Lindstrom. Alan Diaz, Brittany Henricks**

**Council Members absent: N/A**

#### **5:00pm Welcome and Introductions (15 minutes)**

Notes: Members present participated in an ice breaker of Have you Ever Met Anyone Famous?

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **5:15pm Review of Parent Involvement vs. Parent Engagement (15 minutes)**

Notes: Regional Council Manager showed PowerPoint slides of definitions of Parent Involvement vs. Parent Engagement to review from last meeting. The Council reviewed Jam Board Questions from last meeting and made additions to the answers.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **5:30pm Demographics, Slot Gap, Collaborations, ECEC Workforce, Parent/Caregiver Voice Recap and Regional Needs Assessment Review (30 minutes)**

Notes: Regional Council Manager had the Council view a document she created from previous meetings regarding the above topics. The Council discussed responses from previous meetings. Emphasis about low wages and lack of benefits was pointed out and how that is needed to hire qualified employees. The Council also reviewed notes about Diversity in our county for Early Childhood Education and Care. The Council also discussed including Early Intervention, Preschool for All, and Head Start when talking about the diversity in the workforce.



Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **6:00pm Break**

### **6:05 Recap & Regional Assessment Needs Review Questions (30 mins)**

Notes: The Council reviewed the Jamboard Questions from the last meeting regarding the Regional Needs Assessment.

1. What could a local collaboration do for our Region? How would it help families and agencies?
2. Are there any local or regional programs that help fund Early Childhood Education and Care?
3. Does this data represent our Region?
4. Topic: Initiatives that exist within the Region. Anything Missing or to add? Are we including the entire Early childhood Education and Care Workforce?
5. Topic: Trainings, certifications, career development, and higher educational opportunities for Early Childhood Education and Care workforce. Anything to add? Again, are we including the entire ECEC workforce?
6. Topic: Family, parent, caregiver experiences with access to Early Childhood Education and Care in the Region. Is there Anything else you have seen/heard from families that should be added?

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **6:30pm Check-Out and Share-Out (5 minutes)**

Notes: The Regional Council Manager informed the Council members of the upcoming training for anyone interested in helping us present the Regional Needs Assessment. We will also have bridge meetings on 6/13 and 7/11/23 this summer. We asked the Council to save the date for the Family Council and Action Council gathering on May 31, 2023, from 5:00-7:00pm. More details to come next week via email.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



**Next meeting: 5/2/23 Virtual Meeting**