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Date & Time: 3/7/23, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Council Members present: Shannon Meyer, Omar Meza, Michelle Strom, Nicole Soloff

Council Members Absent: Kennedy Sparks, Patti Blahetka, Rolanda Paramo, Nikki Pehlke

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

6:20 pm-6:50 pm: Family Council Follow-Up and Updates (15 Minutes)

Notes: Council members were updated on the Action Council's progress with the Regional Scan. We then touched base regarding the last meeting on Priority Populations. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions or share any thoughts they may have had since the last meeting. We discussed the schedule for Spring and Summer Family Council meetings and the planning of Family events.

6:50 pm-7:50 pm: Community Systems Building and Local Collaborations (1 hour)

Notes: Council members watched Illinois Action for Children's video on Systems Building. After the video and explanation of collaborations, council members were asked the following questions:

- Do you know of any collaborations or community groups or are you involved in any?
- What are these collaborations or community groups currently working on?
- What is the region's community collaboration landscape?
- Are there areas of the region where there are no community collaborations?
- What community groups of collaborations would you like to see formed in our region?
What would support the needs of the community?

Below are some highlights from this discussion:

- Watchdogs is a community group comprised of dads that worked with children in the local school district. They were role models to the children in the school. They would meet once a week at the elementary school to interact with the children. This group no longer meets, and it is not known why.
- The PTO at a local school in Kendall County is starting back up with a couple of moms taking the lead. Also, another group called PACK meets once a quarter, comprised of teachers from the county's schools.
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- Overall, community collaborations are lacking throughout Grundy and Kendall counties.
- Some community groups members would like to see formed are family support groups for parents and a basketball club for children.
- More collaborations are needed to spread awareness of resources for special education services in our region.

7:50 pm- 8:00 pm: Family Council Q & A (10 minutes)

Next Meeting: Hybrid

Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023

- Time: 6:00-8:00pm