

## **MEETING NOTES**

# **Region 21 Family Council Meeting**

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Date & Time: Thursday, July 20th 6:00pm-7:30pm

Council Members present: Amy Cocuyo, Stephanie Caudle, Amber Elledge, Karen Beach and Rose Arvieux.

Council Members absent: Mitch McClellan, Emmalee McPheron, Ashley Scott, Serina Goff, Beth Ward, Emily Crowell, Lindsey Bridgewater, and Meridith Ruble

#### 6:00-6:10: Welcome/Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Notes:

• Summer fun icebreaker.

Decisions Made: N/A Next Steps: N/A

### 6:10-6:20: Action Council Update (10 minutes)

Notes

- Summer has been focused on Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Sneak Peek's.
- Currently preparing for Dissemination Sessions.
- Continuing to recruit for open Action and Family Council positions.
- Continuing community engagement

Decisions Made: N/A Next Steps: N/A

# 6:20-7:05: RNA Dissemination Plans (45 minutes)

Notes:

- ECRNA Sneak Peeks have been underway throughout the summer.
- ECRNA is currently being reviewed by the Governor's Office and Illinois Department of Human Services. Dissemination sessions will begin soon.
- Public dissemination sessions and dates were given to members to share and attend. During these sessions, community feedback will be collected in an Addendum to be added to the ECRNA.
- Council members were asked to help advertise our public dissemination sessions.
- We will be using the World Café Model for community dissemination sessions.



• It was suggested to get a dissemination session with pediatric medical care (Dr. Reddy, Rural Health, Deaconess), Metropolis Women's Shelter, Foster Parent Group, Head Start.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps:

- Action Council members were asked to help advertise our public dissemination sessions.
- Action Council members were asked to use their professional connections to assist with dissemination.

#### 7:05-7:15: Council Recruitment (10 minutes)

Notes:

- The Family Council is looking to add four new members. Specific roles/sectors include: teen parents, grandparents raising children, father figures, single parents, unhoused parents, and community members from underrepresented populations to serve on the council.
- The Action Council is looking to fill up to nine new members. Specific roles/sectors include: Non-early childhood people, faith-based, health care/medical, elected officials (city, county, state), social workers, community members from underrepresented populations (racial, gender diversity), higher education, and Public Safety.
- Council members were tasked to assist with recruitment for these roles.
- The second year of the council is tentatively set to start in September. Those with one-year terms will serve up until that time.

**Decisions Made:** 

**Next Steps:** 

### 7:15-7:30: Next Steps- (5 minutes)

Notes:

Council recruitment through 7/31

- Dissemination sessions
- Collect feedback for Addendum
- Transition into the implementation phase
- 2<sub>nd</sub> year of council is set to start in September

Decisions Made: N/A Next Steps: N/A



#### Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Family Council members who were trained will be involved as table hosts in the ECRNA dissemination sessions.
- Action Council members were asked to help advertise our public dissemination sessions.
- Action Council members were asked to use their professional connections to assist with dissemination.
- Action Council members assist with council recruitment through July 31st.

### **Next Meeting:**

Date: August 17th, 2023 Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Location: Vienna office, 418 Court Street, Vienna, IL 62995