



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 33 Family Council Meeting

**Date & Time: 02/23/23- 4:15-5:30pm**

Council Members present:  
Jessica Alvarado, Rhonda Hillyer

Council Members absent:  
Christopher Myers, Morgan Lewis, Jessie Goodwin, Katie Johnson, Renata Conway, Marie  
Laure Lamare, Kourtnei Carlson, Jessica Burrell, Janel Young, Leanne Corson

#### **4:15pm: Welcome, Introductions, and Ice Breaker**

- Welcome
- Icebreaker
  - If you were a cartoon character, which character would you be?
  - +Velma
  - +Scooby Doo
  - +The mom from Bluey

Decisions made: N/A

#### **4:15pm: Establish Community Agreements**

- Decisions made:
- Guidelines we will follow as we move forward to ensure open, active, inclusive, and respectful dialogue and participation.
    - +We will seek to understand differing perspectives
    - +We will not hesitate to speak up if you have trouble seeing/hearing
    - +We will respect each other's views



#### **4:25pm: Review of last meeting**

1. When you hear the phrases priority population or underrepresented population what comes to mind? And the second part of that question is...Could you provide some examples of those populations?
  - Families living in poverty, single parents, first time parents, foster families, parents in recovery, LGBTQ+ families, families with English Second Language, minority families, under-educated families, grandparents raising children, homeless families, migrant or seasonal workers, Teen parents, families involved with DCFS
2. What are 3 priority groups we should focus on?
  - Homeless Families, Families involved with DCFS, Families of Children with Disabilities, Families in Poverty
  - The information will be confidential

#### **4:40pm: Review of last meeting**

1. What is Narcan?
  - Lifesaving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids
  - Narcan is not harmful if given to people not experiencing overdose
  - You can buy Narcan at your local pharmacy
  - Available free through Opioid Overdose Prevention sites (Bridgeway)
  - You are protected by the Good Samaritan Law created in 2010

Decisions made: N/A

#### **4:50pm: Priority Population Simulation.**

1. Choose two families from the priority population list. Take 10 minutes to go over their situation and brainstorm what barriers they would face in this region.
  - Your 4-year-old child has recently been diagnosed with a developmental disability and is non-verbal.
    - +There are no daycare programs for non-verbal children in the area
    - +If you do not have family to help, you may have to quit your job
    - +Travel long distances for services
    - +In-home CNA pediatrician would be a good resource to have in the area



- You are the father of a 1-year-old and a 4-year-old and lost employment during Covid. You must move in with a family friend.
  - +Difficult to find care in the area for these two ages
  - +Finding services may be overwhelming due to high provider turnover
  - +May not qualify for state aid
  - +Home may become crowded and the family may end up couch surfing
  
- You are a wealthy Muslim family living in Warren County. Your family doesn't speak English. You need childcare for your three children.
  - +Language would be a huge barrier
  - +Not approved for some child care places due to income (Head Start)
  - +Not know where to get resources
  - +ESL is a resource, but is a long term resource and takes time
  - +Child care not available for non-traditional work hours
  
- You are a foster parent and a 3-year-old child with a traumatic background has been placed in your care.
  - +Counseling and Family educator would be needed resources
  - +Educational resources around bonding foster parent and child
  - +Childs behavior due to trauma
  - +Existing relationship with the natural parent
  - +Lack of medical documentation

### **5:26pm: Next Steps**

- Next Meeting will be:
  - Date: March 9, 2023
  - Time: 4:15-5:30pm
  - Location: Bondi Building, Conference Room
- Family and Community Engagement Specialist will:
  - Email Minutes of meeting to Council members
  - Follow up with Community Events in Region
  - Follow up with missing Council members

### **5:30pm: Meeting Adjourned**