



MEETING NOTES

Region 33 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 4/13/23- 4:19 pm

Council Members present:

Rhonda Hillyer, Jessica Burrell, Janel Young, Leann Courson, Morgan Lewis, Jessica Alvarado, Marie Lamare, John Mabon, Stephanie Burkhardt

Council Members absent:

Chris Myer, Jessie Goodwin, Kourtnei Carlson, Roy Van Meter

4:15pm: Welcome

Notes:

**Recording Reminder*

**Community Agreement- Respect each other's views, Speaking up*

**Icebreaker- Do you have any summer plans?*

Summer camp, Summer activities with family,

4:15pm: Review of last meeting minutes/Kahoot (30minutes)

Notes:

*Scenario of Challenges

*Kahoot:

- Any thoughts on changing the name of the Regional scan to Regional Needs Assessment.
 - +There were no objections.
- We are going to be playing a game of Kahoot.
 - +This will serve as a review of our regional scan.
 - + There will be 10 questions in total.
 - What is the early childhood education and care workforce landscape in Mercer County?
 - Families that qualify for State assistance always complete the forms required. T or F. False
 - In some cases, specialists are needed, families travel as far as?



- Families and Community Leaders cite several concurrent causes of the employee shortage.
- Efforts are underway, spearheaded by ROE 33 and the Home Child Care Network, to recruit a diverse ECEC workforce.
- What is my favorite color?
- The Governor has recommended using the guideline of ___for the Federal Poverty Level for a Family of four.
- Region 33 has 2,647 seats available in childcare. There are 5,490 children under age 6. What is the slot gap?
- What strengths have you identified from the regional data?
- Early childhood education and care providers have limited or inflexible hours, it can lead parent to?

4:45pm: Keeping families informed. (5minutes)

Notes:

** The Village Collaboration (ROE) update*

Upcoming:

- Early childhood and Care job fairs start again in May
- Home Childcare network working diligently with individuals who want to be a provider
- March 30th Project Now opened up in Aledo

4:50pm: Regional Scan Walk Through. (15 min)

Notes:

** Section 3 through Section 7*

- The family voice is being put in through each of these sections so that they are being represented throughout the assessment
- We Successfully completed 10 out of the 14 focus groups proposed by our Action Council
- Any questions?
 - + No questions were asked by council members.



5:05pm: Next Steps

Notes:

**Next Meeting for Family Council:*

When: May 11th, Thursday
4:15-5:30pm

Where: Lower Level, Bondi Building
321 E. Main, Galesburg, IL.
(Hybrid Available through TEAMS- See calendar invitation)

Agenda: TBA

5:09pm: Meeting Adjourned