



MEETING NOTES

Region 12 Family Council Meeting

Monday July 17, 2023, 4:30pm

Staff present: Ann Oswalt, Donna Rardin

Council Members present: April Walls, Whisper Shick, Emily Gullett, Sarah Adams

Council Members absent: Sara Farmer, Brandi Foster, Mindy Evans, Sandra Hyde

4:30 Welcome, Introductions, and Icebreaker (15 minutes)

- **Notes: Donna welcomed everyone to the meeting, provided introductions, and shared the meeting agenda. Participants then responded to an icebreaker question,**
- **What is something you did this summer that you are proud of?**

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

4:45 June Meeting Review/ Staff Changes (15 minutes)

Notes: Donna discussed June in-person meeting for the Council Celebration at West End Reception Center. Donna announced the staff change of Sophie Kershaw Patilla advancing to the Communications Department on the Birth to Five Illinois State Team. Ann spoke of efforts to replace Sophie and discussed the process of hiring a new Administrative Assistant.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:00 Regional Needs Assessment Update (15 minutes)

Notes: Ann gave an update on the Regional Needs Assessment. The date to launch the dissemination was pushed back to a to-be-determined date. Ann explained the Sneak Peek process, listed some of the organizations that she had presented to and said that we will continue to gather feedback.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:15 Regional Needs Assessment Mock Presentation (20 minutes)

Notes: Ann read through information she will use when she presents the RNA to the public. She then asked if any members had questions or comments.



Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Ann asked members to continue to bring forth questions and comments as they come up.

5:35 Family and Action Council Recruitment/Shared Family Voices (10 minutes)
Donna discussed Family and Action Council Recruitment and stressed that we are missing voices for Clay and Jasper counties. Ann stated that we need Action Council members from non-ECEC entities. Donna asked if any council members would be willing to share their personal stories for the dissemination of the RNA.

Decisions made: Donna will follow up with Jasper County contact suggestions.

Next Steps: Donna and Ann will follow up by assisting with personal stories.

Next Meeting:

Family Council: Monday, August 21, 2023, at 4:30pm

Ann reminded members that we are required to have 2 meetings starting in August.

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom