



MEETING NOTES

Region 24 Family Council Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date & Time: December 13, 2022 6pm-8pm

Council Members present: Patti Blahetka, Shannon Meyer, Kennedy Sparks, Nicole Soloff

Council Members absent: Katie Galassi, Morelia Delgado

6:00pm: Welcome & Introductions of Birth to Five Staff (10 minutes)

Notes: Sharkisha Jones, Mandy Bailey, and Melissa Kanning introduced us and shared pictures of our families.

6:10pm: Ice Breaker/Family Council Members Introductions (30 minutes)

Notes: Family Council members shared their family pictures and a little about themselves. We then showed a Birth to Five Illinois video to have a better understanding of the work we do. We discussed the purpose of the Family Council and how important it is to share your story.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Family Council members ask questions whenever needed.

6:40pm: Community Agreements (30 minutes)

Notes: Community Agreements are important to establish as a group in order to create a safe space for sharing and respect. These are the norms of each meeting. The Family Council members brainstormed Community Agreements for our group. Mandy Bailey typed these on a Jamboard for everyone to see.

Here are the Family Council's Community Agreements:

- Be an active listener.
- Be transparent and open to what others share.
- Be accepting of differing opinions and views.
- One way is not the only way.
- Be aware of your own biases.
- Be open to learning from others.
- Listen for understanding before responding.
- It is okay to ask for clarification.

Decisions made: Everyone agreed on the Community Agreements we came up with as a group.

Next Steps: At the next meeting, we will review the Community Agreements to make sure that we are still in agreement with them or change/add new agreements.



7:10pm: Discuss-Meeting Schedule, Location, Accommodations (20 minutes)

Notes: As a group, we decided on January 10th and January 24th to be our January meeting dates. These meetings will be in hybrid form. We discussed the preference is for people to attend in-person but we understand that is not always possible.

Decisions made: 2nd Meeting- January 10, 2023 and 3rd Meeting- January 24, 2023 both 6pm-8pm

Next Steps: Mandy Bailey will send out a follow-up email with the meeting notes and dates of the January meetings.